

***CLOSING HYMN #450** “Be Thou My Vision”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Voluntary in D”


JOHN BENNETT
BELINDA VAIR


ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + Our **Mission of the Month** is the **Saturday Free Lunch Program**.
- + Please stay after the service today and join us for a time of fellowship.
- + We are still accepting donations for the **Glory To God Hymnals**. The cost is \$25.00.
- + **Bible Study** will resume in September.
- + **Free Community Lunch** will be Saturday, June 27 11:00 – 1:00 PM.
- + The special music this morning is dedicated to Laura Ruehle’s parents, with a special remembrance of her father, who passed away on Father’s Day last year.

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Welcome to worship at the First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown. Whether you are here in the sanctuary or joining us online, we are glad you are with us. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here, and we give thanks for the gift of worshiping together today!

PRELUDE “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

arr. by MARK HAYES
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

Leader: Come, all who feel weary from the wilderness.

People: God hears us and calls us by name.

Leader: Come, all who carry empty water skins and tired hearts.

People: God sees us and opens our eyes to grace.

Leader: Come, all who have been pushed aside, forgotten, or afraid.

People: God says, “Do not be afraid, for I have heard.”

Leader: Come, people of God, to worship the One who hears the cries of the vulnerable.

All: We come to worship the God who meets us in the wilderness and leads us toward life. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #39** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we do not always hear the cries you hear. We look away from people who are hurting, especially when their needs feel complicated, inconvenient, or too much for us to carry.

We confess that fear can make us protective of what is ours, and quick to forget that every person is beloved by you. Forgive us for the times we have sent others into the wilderness with too little help, too little compassion, and too little hope.

Open our eyes to the wells of grace around us. Teach us to listen, to care, and to trust that your mercy is wider than our fear.

Amen.

Leader: Let us take a moment for silent confession and personal reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end, amen! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Gracious God, as we listen for your Word today, open our ears to hear what you hear. Open our eyes to see what you see. Open our hearts to receive the grace you offer in wilderness places. Speak to us through this Scripture, so that we may trust your care, notice those who are hurting, and follow where your mercy leads.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Make It Well”

arr. by AMY GRANT

HELEN THOMPSON AND LAURA RUEHLE

SCRIPTURE READING

MONA COLE

Genesis 21:8-21 (Pew Bible Page #17)

Matthew 10:26-31 (Pew Bible Page #10)

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. And we all say:

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Without Love It Will All Pass Away”

M.K. BEALL/L. LARSON

BELINDA VAIR

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

“The God Who Hears”

PASTOR KEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.