

SCRIPTURE READING

Helen Thompson

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible Page #806)

John 11:1-44 (Pew Bible Page #104)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Lenten Meditation”

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON “Hope Has a Pulse”

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

***CLOSING #370 Red Hymnal “This Is My Father’s World”**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

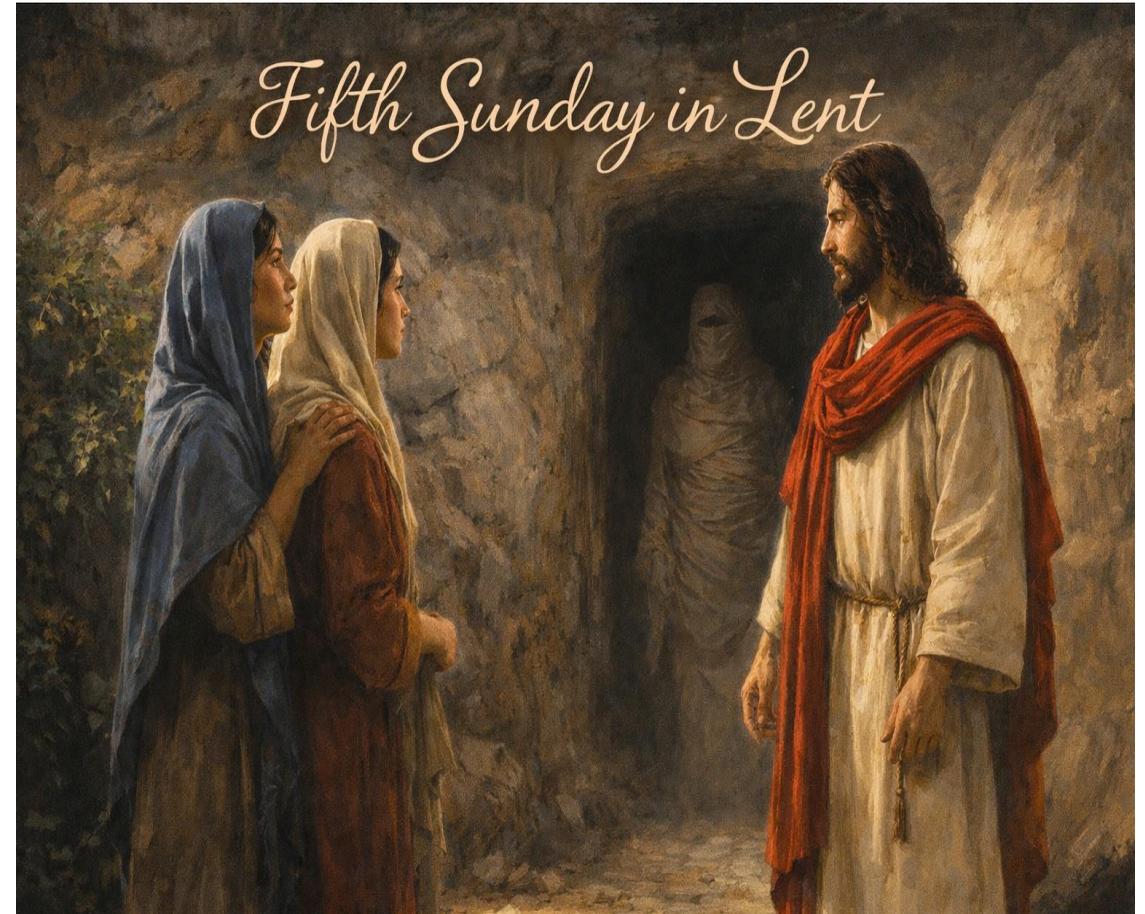
POSTLUDE “You Are My Hiding Place”

M. Ledner

Lucie Cardwell/Guest Accompanist

Thank you to the Music & Worship Committee
for providing us with today’s Coffee Hour

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<https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresbyterianJohnstown>



March 22, 2026

10:30am

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!

Pastor Ken

MISSION OF THE MONTH One Great Hour of Sharing

PRELUDE “Change My Heart, O God”

by E. Epinoza

Lucie Cardwell/Guest Accompanist

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE)

Leader: People of God, come from weary places and waiting hearts.

People: We come seeking the God who breathes life into dry bones.

Leader: Come from places of grief, sorrow, and unanswered questions.

People: We come trusting Christ, who meets us in our mourning.

Leader: When hope feels buried and joy seems far away,

People: God is still at work among us.

Leader: When we feel dried out, worn down, and uncertain,

People: The Spirit still breathes new life.

Leader: When we stand at the edge of loss and long for restoration,

People: Jesus still calls life out of death.

Leader: God opens tombs.

People: Christ calls us forth.

Leader: The Spirit revives the people of God.

People: Our hope is not lost.

Leader: Come, then, and worship the Lord of life.

People: We come to worship the God who revives, restores, and raises us anew.

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***OPENING HYMN #286** *Red Hymnal* “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ken

Leader: We confess our sins not because God wishes to condemn us, but because God desires to restore us. In confession, we tell the truth about ourselves, about the ways we have fallen short, and about our need for grace. We do not come hiding in fear but trusting in the mercy of the One who knows us, loves us, and is always ready to forgive. So let us confess our sins before our God and one another.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have hidden from the truth, held tightly to fear, and resisted your call to new life. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. When we could have spoken hope, we have spoken despair. When we could have shown mercy, we have held back. When you called us forward, we remained where we were. Forgive us, we pray. Breathe your Spirit into us again. Call us out of all that keeps us bound. Through Christ, make us new, so that we may live in hope, walk in faith, and serve in love. **All:** In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: The God who brings life to dry bones and calls the dead from the tomb is the same God who meets us with mercy today. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our shame is lifted, and our hope is renewed. We are not left in the grave of our failures but raised to new life by the grace of God. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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: Holy God, by your Spirit, open your Word to us today. Where we are dry, breathe new life. Where we are burdened, speak hope. Where we are grieving, meet us with mercy. As we hear these scriptures, give us ears to listen, hearts to trust, and courage to respond. Call us out of all that keeps us bound, and lead us more deeply into the life of Christ. **Amen.**