# **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

# Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. RW Williams

\*Closing Hymn #467 How Great Thou Art

\*Charge and Benediction

**Choral Benediction** 

**Postlude** *Great Is The Lord* 

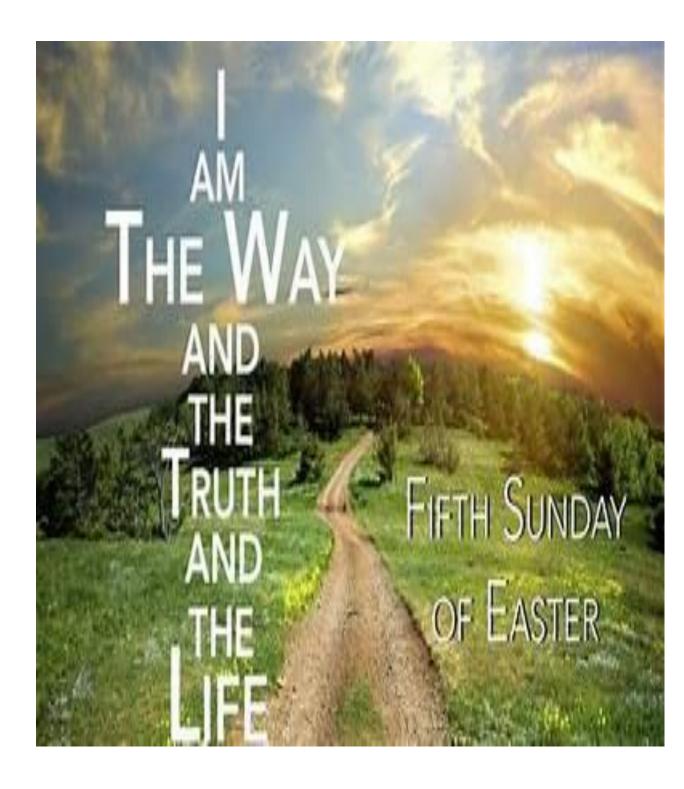
arr. by Peggy Betcher

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May 18, 2025 10:30am

WELCOME: WELCOME TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, ALSO KNOWN AS HERITAGE SUNDAY, WITH JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOUTUBE. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE HERE.
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<u>Mission of the Month</u> Fulton County Domestic Violence

<u>Prelude</u> Amazing Grace arr. by Jennifer Ecklund
Belinda Vair/Accompanist-Choir Director

# **Choral Introit**

# **Call To Worship**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God on high! **People: Praise God, sun and moon. Praise God, all you shining stars!** Leader: Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and ocean depths!

**People:** Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, praise the Lord! Leader: Kings and all peoples of the earth, princes and all rulers of the earth,

praise the Lord!

People: Old and young together; all people praise the Lord!

All: Let us worship God!

#### (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

# \*Opening Hymn #139 Come, Thou Almighty King

# **Call to Confession**

Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility. We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken. In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sin to God.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet

we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.

People: Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere.

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

# **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Believe the good news: Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: 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: Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word we too, may proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!" **Amen.** 

# **Scripture Readings**

(Old Testament) Psalm 86:11-13 (Pew Bible Page #**544**) (New Testament) John 14:1-6 (Pew Bible Page #**108**)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** Amazing Grace

arr. by Dana Mengel