

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Rev. Dr. RW Williams

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 and ever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

*Closing Hymn #345 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

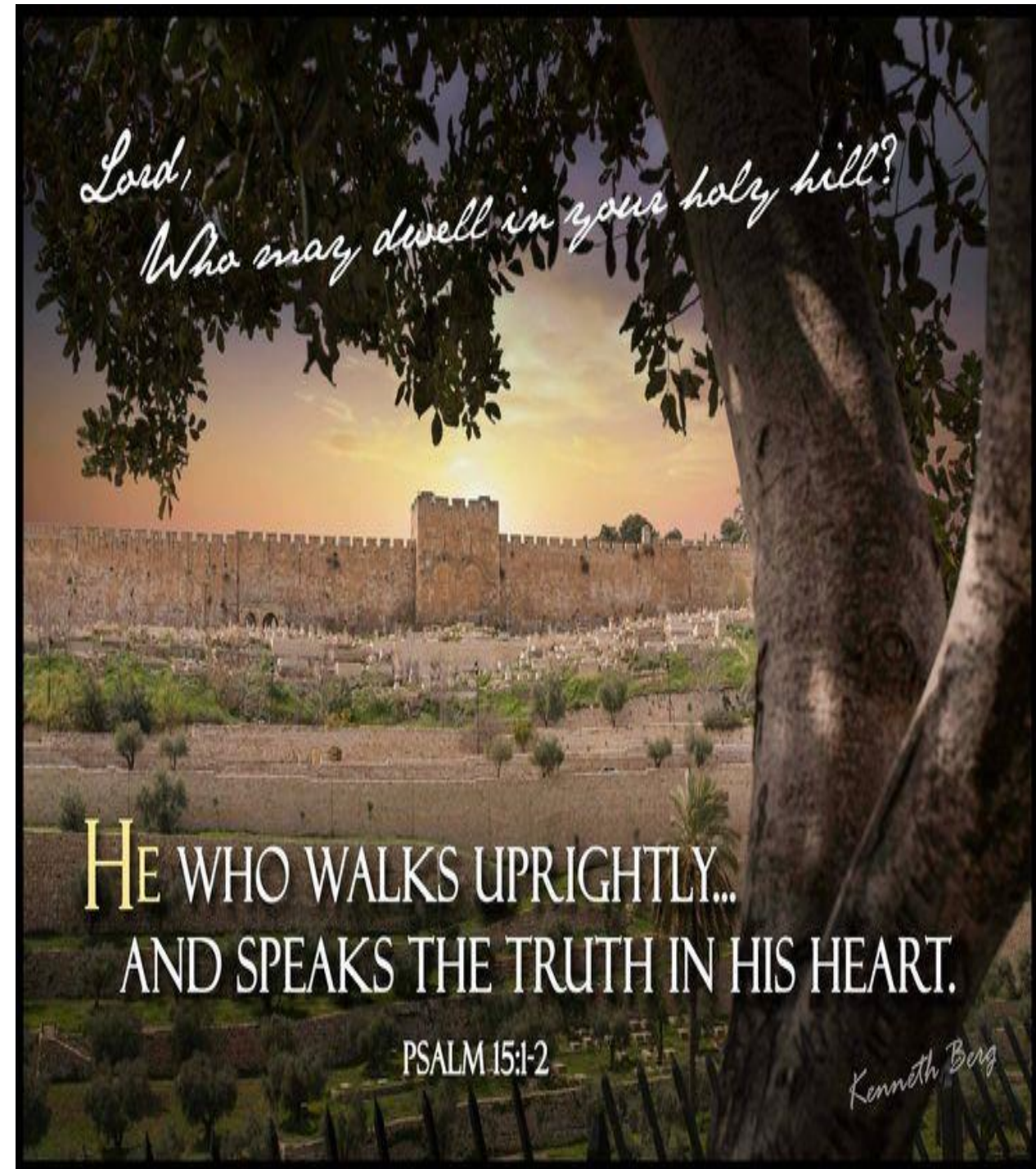
Gary Butler/Guest Accompanist

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us with this morning's coffee hour/fellowship time.*

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10:30am

WELCOME: TO THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, WITH JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US HERE AND ON YOUTUBE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHARE THE SERVICE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE HERE.

LAURA RUEHLE

Mission of the Month Veterans & Community Housing Coalition

Prelude

Gary Butler/Guest Accompanist

Call To Worship

Laura Ruehle

L: Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: We thank God for the gift of one another and celebrate our partnership in the gospel.

L: God has begun a good work among us and calls to come serve.

P: We will stand side by side, firm in the Spirit, as we answer God's call.

L: Let us recall God's wonderful works and love as we worship God.

P: We turn from our daily lives to worship the One who gives us life.

(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT)

***Opening Hymn #339** *Be Thou My Vision*

Call To Confession

Laura Ruehle

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Loving God, how often we complain that life isn't fair, that the journey is too long, that this isn't what we signed up for. But at the same time, we ignore how we have been unfair to others, how we have delayed forgiveness, how slow we are to share compassion. Forgive us, O Lord, when we are quick to complain and even quicker to judge. Help us to live as you desire, treating all as your children. For we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Mona Cole

Leader: Forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ, and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel!

People: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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

Mona Cole

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mona Cole

Psalm 15:1-5 (Pew Bible **Page #495**)

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 (Pew Bible **Page #204**)

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

People: Thanks be to God