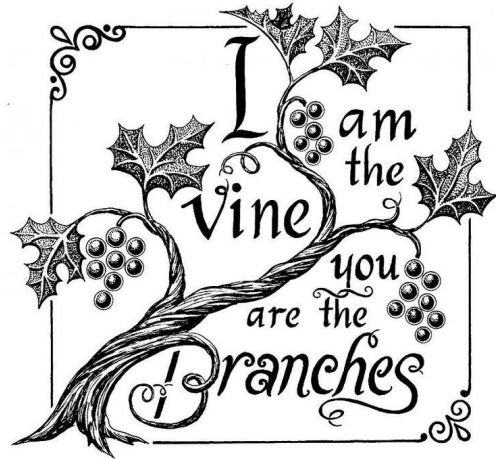


# 5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



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## Mission Statement

“Ebensburg Presbyterians  
are Christians giving help  
and hope to all by sharing God’s love.”

## GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR  
CHORAL INTROIT  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

We come to worship with joy, trusting that God’s holy word will inspire us. We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit’s blessing. God is always faithful.

**May God hear our praise! May we be counted among the great congregation. May we always be faithful to God. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

**We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ. We come to this place because we seek to abide in Christ. The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit. We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, and productive. If we abide in Christ, then Christ’s words will abide in us. We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly. Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

\*HYMN #425 For All the Saints (First Tune, Red Hymnal)

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

**O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed. when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you.**<sup>1</sup>

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively) Acts 2:17, 21

Hear the good news of God’s promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**<sup>1</sup>

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (Responsively)

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around)

CHOIR ANTHEM

### THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Unison)

**Living God, with joy and gratefulness we embrace your living Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life every day; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 22:25-31 p. 435

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:1-8 p. 878

SERMON: "I Am the Vine, You are the Branches"

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN #399 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Red Hymnal)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison) The Apostles Creed  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Unison)

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison) Psalm 22:25-31

**Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world—giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SENDING

\*HYMN #339 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Red Hymnal)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able

While much of the liturgy is written by Pastor Danielle, often times other resources may be adapted or used. A noted selection of this week's worship liturgical resources come from:

1. Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 28

**WORSHIP SERVICE** 11 AM and on Facebook Live

**NEW OFFICE HOURS:** Monday and Wednesday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**SESSION MEETING,** Monday, May 13, 2024

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 1	Austin Baker
April 5	BeenyJwok Ojha
April 8	Eva Tomb
April 11	Tina Taylor
April 13	Clifton J. Harris
April 22	Dan Orr
April 29	Ralph T. Shuey

**PRAYER LIST**

**Year 2024** Prayer List. If you have any names to add to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920, email to [ebgpresby@gmail.com](mailto:ebgpresby@gmail.com) or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Eva Tomb	Phil Brulia
Jim Estep	Walter Feath
Tom R	the O'Brien and Jeffers Families
Ar & Bill McKim	Claudette Segear

The Mission Committee will offer half-camperships for Pine Springs Camp again this year. See Amy Brulia or Martha O'Brien if you have questions. We will again, collect the makings for S'mores for the summer camps at Pine Springs.

Recycle: We are still collecting empty or unused ink cartridges for Pine Springs Camp. Place them in the box on the counter in the gathering space. We are also still collecting plastics for the Women's Help Center.