

## GATHERING



### Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024

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#### Mission Statement

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

TOLLING OF THE HOUR  
PRELUDE  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Almighty God, thank you for impacting our lives and our purpose with your truth. Open our eyes to see the opportunities all around us to serve you. Bless our time together, focus our minds, soften our hearts, and give us hope in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively) Psalm 22

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters, and lead them in praise.  
**You did not despise the afflicted nor turn a deaf ear when they cried to you.**  
All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O God; all families shall worship the Lord.  
**We will tell of your deeds to those who follow, and proclaim your deliverance to all.**

\*HYMN #442 The Church’s One Foundation

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity. May our guilty hearts be sprinkled clean and our bodies washed with pure water. May we receive mercy and find grace in our time of need. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

**God of Compassion, we pray that our worship is in accordance with the spirit and truth of our new life in Christ. Hear us when we give thanks for all the countless blessings that you have given us. As we gather, hear our intercessions and strengthen us to serve you in an appropriate way. Our faith is weak in the face of crisis. Our hopes collapse when we are threatened or maligned. We seek our own safety and abandon others. We only trust in that which we can create and control. Forgive us in our failures and our shortcomings as we place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

Hear the good news, God sent us our Savior, who redeems us of all unworthiness. God promises grace to all who believe in Christ.  
**Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.**

\*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)

**Almighty God, may the Holy Spirit give us wisdom and revelation so that our hearts may be enlightened and we know the hope to which Christ has called us. May we feel the greatness of his power as we experience the promises of scripture. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-7           page 11

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:31-38       page 820

SERMON: “Just Listen !!!”

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN #388 O Jesus, I Have Promised

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles Creed) (*in unison*)

**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.**

PRAYER 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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, surely no gift of ours can repay Christ’s gift of love. Therefore, we offer ourselves in response to your love. Use us in ways that fulfill your ultimate plan. Bless the gifts that we bring today, so that others may learn of your ways. Amen.

### **SENDING**

\*HYMN #371 Lift High the Cross

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude



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