



Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, be with us today as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and your ever presence with us. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice. This requires the willingness to give our life to the Lord.

Be with us, Lord, as we take this step and commit our lives to you.

Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to our God.

Be with us this day and walk with us on this journey.

*HYMN #142 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have all sinned, not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we’re afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our entire lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy that you have given us through Jesus Christ be offered to others through our own witness and to your everlasting mercy. Amen.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, and restoring us.

Rejoice! 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, prepare our hearts to accept your Word. Silence any voices in us but your own, so that we may hear your Word through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 p.642

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:20-33 p.875

SERMON: "His Job Is Complete"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #383 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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 (Unison)

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what you have given to us. May our gifts be a pledge of our desire to make your redeeming, reconciling love known to others who believe they are not worthy or beyond your reach. May our offering be used to empower the Good News of the Gospel. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go now in peace, for Christ has called us to live in peace among our brothers and sisters. Go now in courage, for Christ has called us from the places of our lives to be agents of redemption and partners in faith. Go now in joy and thanksgiving, for Christ is our light! Go now as one body, to love and serve our God with the courage and grace of Jesus Christ.. Amen.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WORSHIP SERVICE starts at 11:00 AM & Facebook Live led by Bob Sheehan

SESSION MEETING, Monday, Mar 18, 2024

You are invited to the study **“The Practice of Forgiveness”** during 4 Thursdays in Lent, beginning February 29th at 6:30 pm. Much of the time will be spent in discussion and activities. Topics to include: *Our Need for Forgiveness, Why Should We Forgive, No Simple Formula, Forgiving Involves Courage, and Forgiving Involves Restoring Relationships.* Thank you to Ebensburg Presbyterian Church for hosting “the churches on the mountain” for this study. To learn more, contact Rev. Alice Tondora at revatondora@gmail.com or 814-243-2995. Two more Sessions remain, March 14 and March 21.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 5	Jeff Vietmeier
March 13	James Estep, Jr.
March 15	Leif Vietmeier
March 20	Debra Shamble
March 21	Mara Vermillion
March 25	Samuel Wheeler
March 27	J. regory Stratton

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, send email to 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	the O’Brien and Jeffers Families
Walter Feath	Ar & Bill McKim
Tom R	Claudette Segear

One Great Hour of Sharing -Palm Sunday, bring your fish banks, or place an envelope in the offering.

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.

SPECIAL SERVICES Maundy Thursday (3/27) 7 pm Ebensburg Presby
Good Friday (3/28) 7 pm Colver Presby.