



Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Faither, as morning breaks and brings new life, we ask that you speak your Word of love to us. Help us to incline our ears to hear the Holy Spirit moving in this place and worship you, the One who makes us whole, with joyful praises. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively) Matthew 5:1–12

Let us worship and sing praises to God,

for the Lord is gracious and worthy of praise!

God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.

God gives the stars their names and makes grass grow on the hills.

Let us hope in God's steadfast love and worship God together!

*HYMN #476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 103:8-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins to our redeemer.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

O God, you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share our gifts with the world, but we keep our resources close and our minds closed. You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust. You would have us see all people as our siblings, but we try to separate ourselves from anyone whose existence challenges our comfort. Forgive us, O God, by your grace, and free us to be agents of your healing. Amen (Silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: (responsively) Romans 5:1

Having been justified by faith, friends, let us know that we have obtained peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN!**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)

The peace of our Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Psalms 119:18-24

Gracious God,

open the eyes of our hearts so that we may see the wonderful truth in your Word. We are on earth for just a little while, and we ask that you reveal your love through your commands to us today. When others take their seats to manipulate justice, deprive the poor, the elderly, and justify the unjustifiable acts, Lord help us to meditate on your statutes, speak truth and de-fend the weak. We take joy in your decrees, because they counsel us, transform us into better followers who are quick to for-give others as you also forgive. Amen

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Page 628

SECOND READING: Matthew 18:23-35 Page 804

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: FORGIVENESS WHEN OPPOSING REVENGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Intercessory Prayer)

Gracious God may your Spirit give strength to all your people as we witness your gracious love in your world. Unite us in your truth and help us to show your love to others. (we pray for...)

We pray for all people, for places where there is war, injustice, fam-ine, etc. (we pray for...)

God, our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us. Help us to de-fend the weak, speak truth and exercise justice. (we pray for...)

We pray for those in need, for the sick people, for those in hospitals, and for those with any other problems. We also pray for all who mourn that they may feel your gracious care and comfort. (we pray for...)

Give us grace, we pray for leadership and ministry of our church. Guide us all, and we take the leap of faith to share your love and touch many lives in our community with your word of grace. O Lord, that we understand the meaning and purpose of your love in our lives and answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes as we pray the prayer your son taught us to pray, saying:

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.

HYMN #223 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION 1 Peter 3: 8-9

*Be humble,
Be gracious,
Be kind and forgiving,
Be all of one mind,
Be loving toward one another in Christ Jesus. Amen!*

*Please rise in body or in spirit

The Two Ways

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
- 3 They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the
congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thankyou.

Jim Brown
Ashton Dixon
Jamie
Curtis Mellott
Colleen Wagner
Randy Wike

Steve Brulia
Len Dixon
John Magyar
Roger McMahon
Marilyn Westrick
Todd Youngblood

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LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); alt.

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
 The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form, And
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree, And
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

PSALM 103

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 223

STUTTGART 8.7.8.7

Para. in *The Book of Psalms*, 1871; alt. 1972, 1988

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715
As in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

1. O my soul, bless your Re - deem - er; All with - in me
2. God for - gives all your trans - gres - sions, All dis - eas - es
3. Far as east from west is dis - tant, God has put a -
4. As it was with - out be - gin - ning, So it lasts with -

bless God's name; Bless the Sav - ior, and for - get not
gen - tly heals; God re - deems you from de - struc - tion,
way our sin; Like the pit - y of a fa - ther
out an end; To their chil - dren's chil - dren ev - er

All God's mer - cies to pro - claim;
And with you so kind - ly deals.
Has the Lord's com - pas - sion been.
Shall God's righ - teous - ness ex - tend:

5. Unto such as keep God's covenant
And are steadfast in God's way;
Unto those who still remember
The commandments and obey.

6. Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
Ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion;
Bless the Lord of all, my soul!