



Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
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GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE CHORUS—I Sing Praises

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Psalm 33:12–22

Happy are those whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

**Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his
steadfast love,**

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

*HYMN # 469 Morning Has Broken

*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In humility and faith
let us confess our sin to God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) CTW 551c

**God of the ages,
God of the old, old story,
we hear of our ancestors
and are astounded by their faith.
They trusted you,
but we waver.
They believed your promise,
but we cling to our own ideas.
Forgive us and free us from our fear,
that we may follow with joy
wherever you may lead;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [silent confession]**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: (responsively)

From age to age, from generation to generation,
God's mercy never fails.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and sent!

*GLORI PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also, with you.
(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (in unison)

**Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-35 Page 899

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1-15 Page 948

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "A Yoke of Slavery"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 372 Lord I Want to Be a Christian

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION 2 Cor. 8:12–15

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us.
Use these gifts we offer
as a sign of your great love for the world,
so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN #507 I Come with Joy v. 1-4

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
Through your prophets you have called us
to do good, seek justice, and help the poor.
This is the kind of sacrifice you desire.

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes.
in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
Jesus revealed the treasure of your holy realm
and taught us to watch with expectation
for his coming again at an unexpected hour.

Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give us faith—the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things yet unseen—
and make us ready for our heavenly home.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
and pray for your rule on Earth as Jesus taught us,

**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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus said: I am the bread of life
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

HYMN Jesus Paid it All (see insert)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
unit us with Christ and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal
kingdom.
Send us out in the power of the Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN # 466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*BLESSING AND CHARGE:(responsively) 1Thessalonians 5:16–24

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord makes His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord turns His face to you
and bring you shalom. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able**

Psalm 33:12-22 God Protects His People

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.

¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned
he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—

¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and
by its great might it cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹ to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.

²¹ Our heart is glad in him
because we trust in his holy name.

²² Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 814-472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances.

Thank you.

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