



Youth Service
Ebensburg Presbyterian
February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday

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GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Addyson Bracken

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Please join me in the Call to Worship. Let us tell everyone of God's words.

People: Truly God is good to those who are faithful.

Leader: We have made the Lord God our refuge.

People: In this kingdom, we are more than guests.

Leader: Farther along we'll know all about it.

People: Farther along we'll understand why.

Leader: Let us worship God!

PRAISE SONG: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: There is much more to life than we've been told. God has a plan to make us a new creation, pushing aside worldly matters, making all things new. Trusting in God's perfect plan, let us confess our sins...let us pray.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

You have paved a path for us to follow-yet we often find ourselves lost. It is clear to us that we should follow you; however, we are constantly tempted and tried by worldly matters that cause us to stray. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you. Allow us to be washed over by your unconditional love, so that we can overflow with joy as you've called us to do; through Christ we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsively)

Leader: Each time we confess our sins we are farther along in our relationship with Jesus because he sets us back on the path towards who we were truly created to be. Christ does this out of his grace-filled love that led him to give his life so we could live with God forever. Through Christ's resurrection, we find that no sin will get the last word.

Believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share Christ's peace.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

Holy God, we cannot understand the Scripture without the guidance of your Holy Spirit. So open our hearts and minds so that we may hear your Word and by hearing it, be strengthened in faith as we move farther along the journey of life. For we pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE:

1 Thessalonians 5:11

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

John 13:34-35

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "Love One Another "

PRAISE SONG: Breathe

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (**responsively**)

Leader: This morning for our time of prayer we not only invite you to pray with your eyes open and your heads up but to join us in our prayer as well. When one of us says, "In your mercy," please respond with "Hear us, Lord" Let's try it. In your mercy...**Hear us, Lord!** Now, let us pray.

Loving God, we pray this morning for the youth of the world. As we are in between childhood and adulthood there are many hurdles we must cross. We are STRESSED. There is so much on our plates, at times it becomes overwhelming. The PRESSURE we face, whether it's from family, school, activities, or even ourselves, sometimes makes it more difficult than we can handle. And with so much going on.... we're EXHAUSTED more often than not. In your mercy...**Hear Us, Lord!**

Compassionate Lord, because of all these things we face, we pray for the youth of the world who face fiercer challenges than most. We pray for those whose only meal of the day comes from the school's cafeteria. We pray for those who have difficulties communicating with others or have no friends. We pray for teens who are IGNORED by others. We pray for teens who are bullied or those who struggle with DEPRESSION. In your mercy...**Hear Us, Lord!**

Awesome God, we pray for your Spirit's presence on all youth. Give HOPE to those who feel lost or have no one to turn to. Give us EN-THUSIASM to find ways to connect with other youth and reach out to those who may need a friend. Lord, keep us ALERT to the needs and struggles young people face and help us to REMIND them of your love through our actions. In your mercy...**Hear Us, Lord!**

God of all people, help each of us OPEN our hearts to young people as we journey farther along with them in faith. May all your church RE-FLECT Christ's love for all people and especially for children and youth. No matter how old we are, DIRECT us, Lord, to follow your ways all the days of our lives.

Lord, as we offer this prayer to you, we take a moment to reflect on these actions held up and as they come together, we once again ask you with humble hearts...In your mercy.... **Hear Us, Lord!**

For we pray these things in the name of Christ our Savior, who also taught us to pray this way, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy king-dom 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

HYMN: Awesome God

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

Go from this place filled with faith and hope knowing that even when we are tempted and tried Christ will always be with us to love us and guide us farther along in this journey of life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: Addyson Bracken

***Please stand if you are able**

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. Thank you.

Father Pat Kirsch
Margaret Mckenrick
Gloria P.
Mary R.
Barb Richter
Cathy Rocus
Claudette Segear
Colleen Wagner
Kartrin Wolf & Family
Chris Wolfe

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

(YOUTH WILL SING FIRST – JOIN FOR 2nd/3rd time)

Come, Now is the time to worship.

Come, Now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before God.

Refrain:

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day ev'ry knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

Breathe

(YOUTH WILL SING VERSES 1,2 and Refrain – congregation join the 2nd time)

V. 1 This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe.

Your holy presence, living in me.

V. 2 This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,

Your very Word spoken to me.

Refrain: And I, I'm desp'rate for You.

And I, I'm lost without You.

(Go back to beginning-Congregation join)

Ending (after 2nd time) I'm lost without You, I'm lost without You.

Awesome God 179

The great and awesome God keeps His covenant of love. Nehemiah 1:5

Harmony optional

Our God is an awe-some God; He reigns from heav-en a-bove With

wis-dom, pow'r and love; Our God is an awe-some God! Our God! Our

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TEXT: Rich Mullins
MUSIC: Rich Mullins

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AWESOME GOD
Irregular meter