



**DISCOVERING
CHRISTIAN
LIVING**

Thru Ephesians

***Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021***

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**God,
today is the day you the Lord has made; we will all rejoice and be
glad in it. Open the gates of heavens, fill us with your Spirit, inspire us
with your living Word, surprise us with miracles and bind us with your
chord of unity that, everyone sees your glory and faithfulness in us. In
the name of your Son Jesus Christ.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Psalm 86

Lift your voices with songs of praises.

**The Lord is our God,
abounding in steadfast love.**

Heavens is full of his glory,
there is none like our God.

**He alone is our God,
We've come to worship the Lord!**

*HYMN #481 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Please join me in the Prayer of Confession....

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

**O Holy God, you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you, yet
we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives. We distract
ourselves from your call with busyness, stress, and worry. We tangle
ourselves in webs of racism, sexism, and hatred that disguises itself as
fear. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness, open our ears to hear
your voice saying to us, "Follow me." Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: (responsively)

Romans 8:1-2

There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.
Because the power of the life-giving Spirit has set you free from the power of sin
that leads to death.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and sent!

*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: (responsively) Psalms 119:18-24

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded
hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel
our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:9-16 Page 55

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17-32 Page 951

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Discovering Christian Living

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: (responsively)

Gracious God, we rejoice in your forgiveness, so that we may serve you in the spirit of gratitude. You have been our refuge in times of distress and have enrolled us in unfailing love. You have sent us your Son to be our Savior; you sent us not only the law but also the gospel of mercy. God, great is your faithfulness and your compassion.

Unite us in your truth and love and help us to show your love to others. We pray for all people, for every place where there is, hurt, injustice, diseases, and famine. We pray for those in need, for those in hospitals, and for those with other problems. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your caring love.

May we be able to help each other just as you loved and care for us. Help us to depends the weak, speak truth and exercise justice. We pray for ourselves, Lord, strengthen our faith and maintain our unity in this church. We pray for all that we will do this week, this month, this year and for all those we will meet throughout our lifetime. Give us grace that we understand the meaning and purpose of your love and answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes as we pray the prayer your Son taught us to pray:

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 #356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (in hymnal— words only) See insert for music.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Jude 20-12

May God sustain your unity in your Christian living.
May Christ builds you up as pray for one another.
May the Holy Spirit strengthen you as you look forward to God's everlasting mercy. **Amen**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵ I am standing in absolute stillness, silent before the one I love,
waiting as long as it takes for him to rescue me.
Only God is my Savior, and he will not fail me.

⁶ For he alone is my safe place.
His wrap-around presence always protects me
as my champion defender.

There's no risk of failure with God!
So why would I let worry paralyze me,
even when troubles multiply around me?

⁷ God's glory is all around me!
His wrap-around presence is all I need,
for the Lord is my Savior, my hero, and my life-giving strength.

⁸ Join me, everyone! Trust only in God every moment!
Tell him all your troubles and pour out your heart-longings to him.
Believe me when I tell you—he will help you!

⁹ Before God all the people of the earth, high or low,
are like smoke that disappears,
like a vapor that quickly vanishes away.
Compared to God they're nothing but vanity, nothing at all!

¹⁰ The wealth of the world is nothing to God.
So if your wealth increases, don't be boastful or
put your trust in your money.
And don't you think for a moment that
you can get away with stealing by overcharging others just to get more for yourself!

¹¹ God said to me once and for all,
"All the strength and power you need flows from me!"
And again I heard it clearly said,

¹² "All the love you need is found in me!"
And it's true that you repay people for what they do.

New Prayer List for 2021

We will be starting a new Prayer List for 2021. 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.

Jim Brown
Ashton Dixon
Jamie
Curtis Mellott
Marilyn Westrick

Len Dixon
John Magyar
Roger McMahon

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show 481

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Robert Williams, 1817
Harm. David Evans, 1927

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.

1. Praise the Lord, God's glo - ries show,
2. Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Praise the Lord, great mer - cies trace,

Saints with - in God's courts be - low,
Tell the won - ders, sing God's worth, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise this prov - i - dence and grace,

An - gels round the throne a - bove,
Age to age and shore to shore, Al - le - lu - ia!
All that God for us has done,

All that see and share God's love.
Praise God, praise for - ev - er - more! Al - le - lu - ia!
All God sends us through the Son.