



Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2021

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively) Psalm 42

As the deer pants for steam of waters,
**Lord, our souls long for you,
And we thirst to worship the living God.**

*HYMN #473 For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO CONFESSION: Joel 2:12-13

Return to the LORD your God; render your heart and not your garments. For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. God of grace help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen. [silent confession]

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: (responsively)

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends believe the goodness 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 (in unison)

**“Loving God,
open our ears to hear your word
and draw us closer to you,
that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen**

FIRST READING: Ephesians 6:10-20 Page 952

SECOND READING: John 6:56-69 Page 868

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: HOW TO PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE 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.

Its is right to give thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praises: saying,

**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.**

Thank you, O God, for sending us your son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, Come in glory.**

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share his feast united in faith, and mission in every place as we pray the way our Lord Jesus taught us to pray, 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

HOLY COMMUNION:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

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

*HYMN: Be Thou My Vision (#450 in Colver hymnal—see insert)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

Psalm 68:1-6

¹ Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

² As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.

³ But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds^[a]—
his name is the Lord—
be exultant before him.

⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶ God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.

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

Steve Brulia

Ashton Dixon

Len Dixon

Jamie

John Magyar

Curtis Mellott

Roger McMahon

Colleen Wagner

Marilyn Westrick

Randy Wike

Todd Youngblood

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Conrad Kocher, 1838

Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

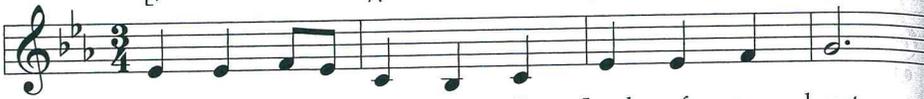
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



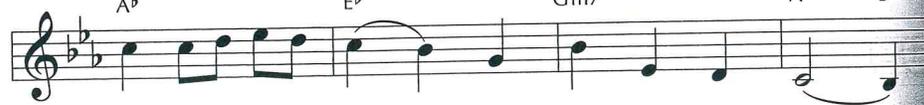
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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