

Psalms 85:1-7—RESTORATION

LORD, You showed favor to Your land;
You restored Jacob's prosperity.^[a]

² You took away Your people's guilt;
You covered all their sin.

³ You withdrew all Your fury;
You turned from Your burning anger.

⁴ Return to us, God of our salvation,
and abandon Your displeasure with us.

⁵ Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger for all generations?

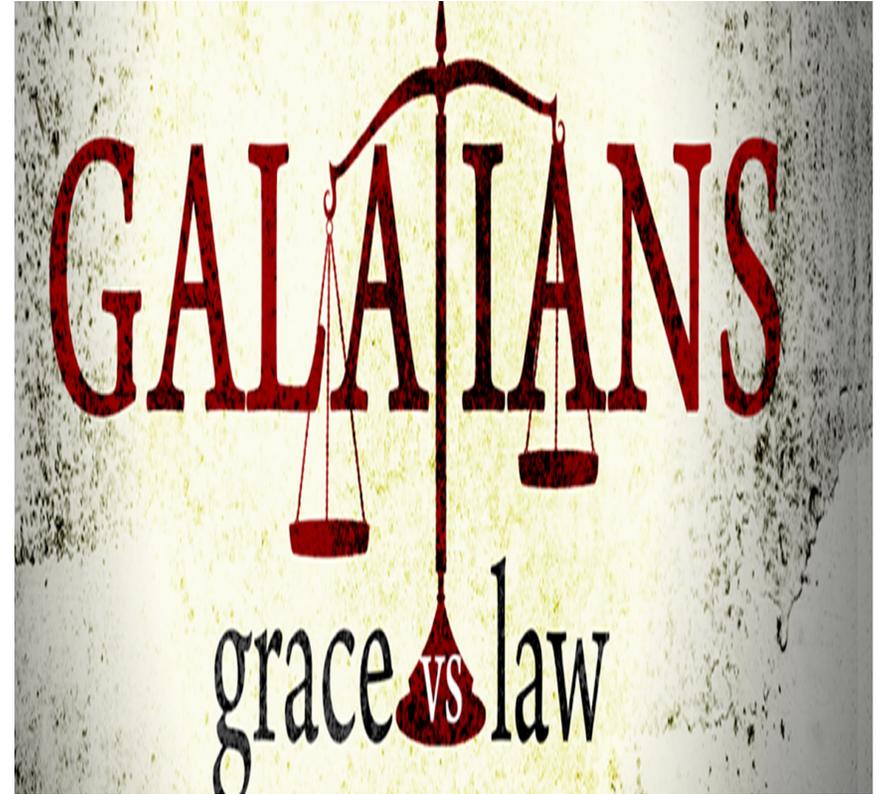
⁶ Will You not revive us again
so that Your people may rejoice in You?

⁷ Show us Your faithful love, LORD,
and give us Your salvation.

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.

Tim and Paula Crow
Father Pat Kirsch
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Chris Wolfe
Eva Tomb
Richard McKim



Ebensburg Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE CHORUS: Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the grace that is at work in us
through the gift of our baptism.
Help us to hear your promises today:
Speak peace, speak hope, speak love,
and deliverance to Your faithful people;
to those who turn to You in their hearts.
Seeking peace, in word, in song, and in prayer,
We've come to worship you. Come now, O Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Give thanks to the Lord our God,
**Sing to Him, sing Praises to Him,
tell of all His wonderful works.**
Seek the Lord and His strength;
Seek His presence always.
**Glory in His holy name,
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

*HYMN #382 Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 3:23

Turning toward God,
let us confess the ways we have sinned
and be reconciled with the Lord.

**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.**

THE SENDING

HYMN #298 There is a Wideness in God's Mercy

*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Romans 15:5-6

Always turn from what is wrong
and cultivate what is good;
eagerly pursue peace in every relationship,
making it your prize.
For the eyes of the Lord Yahweh rest upon the godly,
and his heart responds to their prayers. **AMEN!**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*** Please stand if you are able.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-40 Pg. 900

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:1-20 Pg. 946

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Beware of Religious Entanglement

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN #403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. May your Spirit give strength to all your faithful people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love and help us to show your love to others. We pray for all people, for places where there are diseases and famine. We pray for those in need, and those in hospitals, and for those with any other problems. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us. Help us to depend on the weak, speak truth and exercise justice. We pray for ourselves, Lord, strengthen our faith. We pray for all that we will do this week, and for all those we will meet. Give us grace 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:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

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**Gracious God,
We humbly confess that we have fallen short
of who you call us to be.
We seek peace and comfort in our lives,
ignoring the needs of those around us.
We live our lives in ways
that bring chaos and calamity to our neighbors.
Cleanse us from sin
and show us your steadfast love,
so that in turning to you,
we may seek unity and peace for all of creation.
Amen [*silent confession*]**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsively*)

Beloved, God has forgiven all of your trespasses.
You are alive together with God.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

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

*GLORIA 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*)

**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.**

