

**WRESTLING  
WITH  
GOD  
GENESIS  
32.24-31**

***Ebensburg Presbyterian Church  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 16, 2022***

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~GATHERING~

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE CHORUS: #322 Spirit Of The Living God

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP CTW 551C

We lift up our eyes to the hills,  
from where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

In praise and with thanksgiving,  
we gather as one body, with song and with prayer.

**The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time and forevermore.**

**Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN# 139 Come, Thou Almighty King

CALL TO CONFESSION

In turning to the Lord with humility,  
and trusting in his love,  
we confess our sin and the sins of the world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Grace-filled God,  
we confess that we pursue our own needs,  
neglecting the needs of others.  
We pursue our own desires,  
while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation.  
We deflect the call to ministry,  
ignoring the cries of those in need.  
We are drawn to proclaim the gospel,**

**yet live it out only at our convenience.  
Have mercy on us, O God.  
Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel  
that, whatever the time or wherever we are,  
we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world. Amen  
[silent confession]**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsively)  
Through Jesus Christ, God cleanses us  
from all unrighteousness and leads us from sin.  
Friends, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God**

\*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.)*

CHOIR ANTHEM

**~ THE WORD OF GOD ~**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:  
**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.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22–31                      Page 26  
SECOND READING: Luke 18:1–8                         Page 583

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Wrestling with God

**~RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD~**

\*HYMN # 316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS (In unison)

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have chosen the poverty of the world  
to make your people rich in faith.  
Help us to put our faith into practice  
through the offering of our lives—  
giving food to the hungry,  
clothes to the naked,  
and shelter to the poor;  
all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
your Word made flesh. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**~ SENDING ~**

HYMN# 339 Be Thou My Vision

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE 1 Thess. 5:23-24, 28

May the God of peace  
sanctify you entirely;  
and may your spirit and soul and body  
be kept sound and blameless  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The one who calls you is faithful  
and will do this.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you. **Amen**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

### Psalm 119:97–104

- <sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law!  
It is my meditation all day long.
- <sup>98</sup> Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is always with me.
- <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my meditation.
- <sup>100</sup> I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.
- <sup>101</sup> I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.
- <sup>102</sup> I do not turn away from your ordinances,  
for you have taught me.
- <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- <sup>104</sup> Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.

### 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.

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