



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2023

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Mission Statement

“Ebensburg Presbyterians
are Christians giving help
and hope to all by sharing God’s love.”

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*Responsibly*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come to learn.

Let us come to witness.

Let us come to change.

Let us come to repent.

Let us come to meet God.

Let us come to worship.

HYMN#466 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God’s law is right and just,
offering us wisdom and enlightenment.

Yet we ignore the importance of God’s law in our lives
and persist in our own ways.

In humility, let us confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*in unison*)

God of the law and the prophets,

We do not want to admit

all the commandments we have broken.

We worship idols of money, success, and power.

We use your name to justify whatever we do.

We do not honor each other;

we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others.

Our sins are too many to name.

Forgive us.

Speak to us and we will listen,

remembering that you are

our freedom and deliverer. Amen (Moment of Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *(Responsibly)*

Do not be afraid:

God loves us with an everlasting love;

God's grace is unending.

Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for such graciousness!

*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.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deuteronomy 6:4

The Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God!

FIRST READING

Hebrews

7:1-10 *P.964*

SECOND READING

Genesis

14:17-20 *P.10*

SERMON

Jesus Like Melchizedek

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN# 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (vs 1-2)

PRAYER 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

*HYMNS#139 Come, Thou Almighty King

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace—

who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus,

the great Shepherd of the sheep,

and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—

may he equip you with all you need

for doing his will.

May he produce in you

through the power of Jesus Christ,

every good thing that is pleasing to him.

All glory to him forever and ever! **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

Please stand as you are able.



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