



**“Strength and Honor
are her clothing”
Prov. 31:25**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (*Responsively*)

Our God gathers us here.

**We have been tested, we have suffered,
but God has brought us through.**

Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

**We cried aloud to God,
and God listened and answered.**

Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

* HYMN# 122 “Thine Is The Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

Psalms 103:13

As a parent has compassion for their children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.
Let us lift our prayers to God
and the Lord for forgiveness and restoration.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

Holy God, we love you imperfectly:

we do not always keep your commandments.

We love each other imperfectly:

we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction.

We love ourselves imperfectly:

**we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your
image.**

Forgive us.

**By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live
as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.**

Amen (*silent Prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

Because Christ lives, we also live.

We live because Christ Jesus
lives. In Christ we are forgiven.

¹ CTW 561A

This is the Christ who forgives us.

This is the God who is in us.

This is the Spirit who is with us.

Alleluia! Praise 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: (*in unison*)

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:12-28 Page 536

SECOND READING: John 14:15-21 Page 877

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON MOTHER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS# 376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 1-3)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Through Christ, we pray for the church . . .
Let your Spirit of truth abide in us,
so that we may keep your commandments
and bear witness to the power of your love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for the earth . . .
Bless and keep the world you have made,
a gracious gift from the Creator of all.
Let it not be destroyed by human hands.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for all nations . . .
Bring all people into your saving purpose.
Show us that we are one family in you,
the children of a common ancestor.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for this community . . .
By your Spirit, make us always ready
to share the faith and hope that is in us
and to show your love to our neighbors.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through Christ, we pray for loved ones . . .
Remember those who are tested and tried.
Do not let them slip; guard their lives
and keep them in your steadfast love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,
and continue your mighty work among us,
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord, who 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.**

INVITATION & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Luke 6:38*
"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and
shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For
with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you
again."

SENDING

*HYMNS# 324 "Open My Eyes, That I May See."

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION 2 Cor. 13:13
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Major Repair Project

The Session leadership agreed on restoring storm windows of our church to help preserve stained-glass windows. The bid from Servpro of \$76,000 was accepted and the work will begin as the weather allows. We need your prayers and prayerfully, please consider donating to the Major Repair Fund. Contact pastor Owar or one of our leaders.

Young Disciples—Youth Program—*Sunday, Mayth @9:30-10:30*

Bible2020 Program—Our Bible Study, Wednesdays @7pm

REDSTONE PRESBYTERY: Tuesday, May 23, 2023@6pm

May Birthdays and Announcements

May 7 Lucas Taylor

May 8 Happy Anniversary—*Becky Carlin & Ralph Shuey*

May 11 Kayt Makosy Williamson

May 14 Owar Ojha Ojulu

May 21 Ojha Owar Ojha

May 23 Kevin McKenrick,

Chase Forberger

May 24 Neil McKenrick

May 26 David Sowers

May 28 Happy Anniversary *Roger & Laura McGill*

May 29 Sarah Elizabeth Segear

May 31 Jim Stratton

Ebensburg-Colver Joint Service—Pentecost Sunday, May 28th 2023

You may join our church in one of three ways:

Transfer from another congregation.

Reaffirm your faith if you have not been an active church member recently.

Profess Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Please talk to the pastor or one of the leaders ``

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.

Eva Tomb

Ray McKim

Jim Estep

Ramona McKim

Candi Elam

Ben & Patricia Tuchi

Peter & Margaret Funch

Albie

Tom R.

Joe P

Erin M.

Marty F.

Claudette Segear

John Fedora

Sharon Westrick

Ruthan Noderer

Gloria P.

Mary R. ``

Father Pat Kirsch

Bob & Mary Clare Stofko

Richard McKim