

"He went in to stay with them."



Then they  
**RECOGNIZED**  
Him

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 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 WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> (*Responsively*)

I love the LORD, for he heard my prayer for mercy,  
I will call on him as long as I live.

**We lift our voices to God  
and call on the name of the Lord!**

The risen Christ is here in this place:

**Praise the Lord! Alleluia!**

\* HYMN# 326 Nearer, My God, to Thee (vs 1&2)

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

As we continue our celebration  
of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

remembering that the promise of Jesus Christ  
is for us, for our children, for our siblings,  
for all who are near and all who are far,  
for everyone called to God.

In confidence, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

**Eternally patient God,  
we ask again and again,  
"What should we do?"**

**And again and again, you tell us,  
"Repent and return to me."**

**Yet we have not changed our ways.**

**We fall into old habits,  
cling to our own ways,**

**and take for granted the grace you have given us.  
Once again, we ask you for forgiveness.**

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<sup>1</sup> CTW 561A

**Show us the way forward  
and help us return, once again, to you. Amen (silent Prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

Friends, hear this good news:  
through Christ you have come to trust in God,  
who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

**We are born anew, through the living  
and enduring word of God.  
Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!**

\*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:	1 Peter	1:17-23	Page 984
SECOND READING:	Luke	24:13-35	Page 860

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

SERMON                      Where Are You Going?

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMNS#525 Come Ye Thankful (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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERINGS

*1 John 3:16–17*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

**SENDING**

\*HYMNS#350 Onward Christian Soldiers

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*1 John 4:13–16*

May the love of God—  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name,  
remembering his new commandment  
to love one another, just as he has loved us. **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.

### St. Vincent dePaul Ebensburg Food Pantry

Envelopes to collect offerings for the Food Pantry are available throughout April. Please consider giving to this mission project of our church.

### Young Disciples

Youth Program and Confirmation Class—*Sunday, April 23 @6-7:30<sup>h</sup>*

### Bible2020 Program

Our Bible Study Wednesdays @7pm

### April Birthdays and Announcements

~~Don Oll~~ April 22  
Ralph T. Shuey April 29

### Ebensburg and Colver Joint Service

Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Session Meeting

Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> @7pm

**REDSTONE PRESBYTERY: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 -Ebensburg Church will be hosting the Presbytery meeting (In Person at 6:00 p.m. and on ZOOM meeting)**

### 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