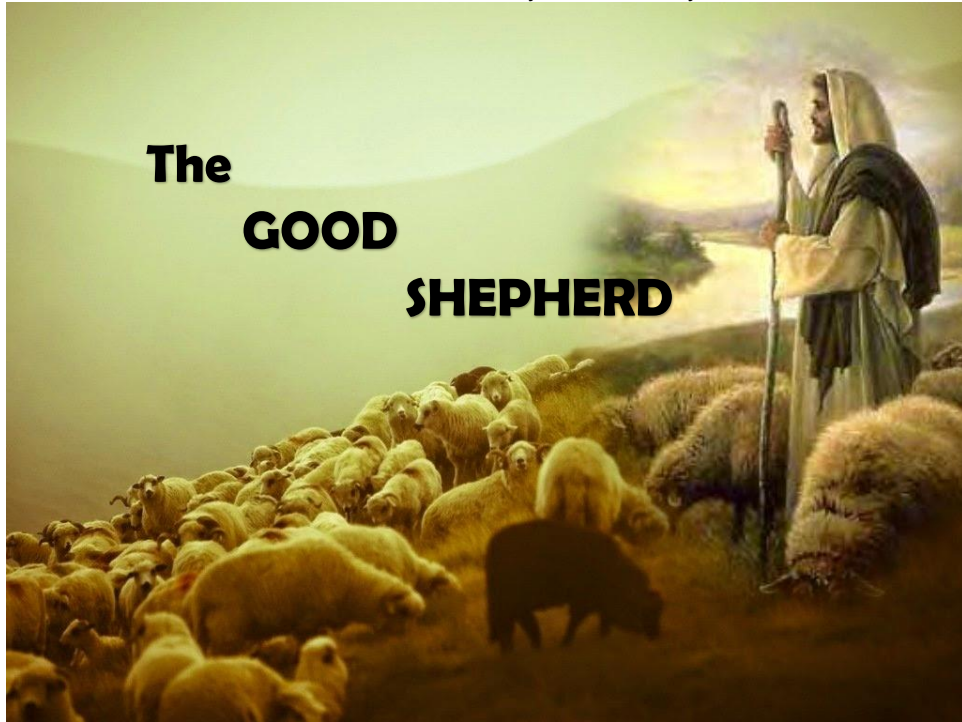


"By his wounds you have been healed"



## GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> (*Responsively*)

We come to worship the risen Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!**

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!

**Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!**

Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!

**Christ is risen still! Alleluia!**

\* HYMN#481 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

Christ is the good shepherd,

who leads us to safety and peace

no matter what we have done.

Christ's voice calls us to repent and return;

let us heed that voice and go to God in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

**God of community,**

**you call us to a world radically different**

**from what we are used to.**

**You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours."**

**You show us a life where goods are shared,**

**where all are loved,**

**and faithfulness is shown through generosity.**

**But we cling to our possessions,**

**trusting them more than we trust you.**

**Forgive us, merciful God.**

**Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm**

**and to work to make it so. Amen (*silent Prayer*)**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

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"Ebensburg Presbyterians  
are Christians giving help  
and hope to all by sharing God's love."

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<sup>1</sup> CTW 561A

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

Christ himself bore our sins  
in his body on the cross, so that,  
free from sins, we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed.

**For we were going astray like sheep,  
but now we have returned to the shepherd  
and guardian of our souls. 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: (*in unison*)

**Living God,  
with joy we celebrate  
the presence of your risen Word.  
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit  
so that we may proclaim the good news  
of eternal and abundant life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING:           1 Peter                   2:19–25           Page

SECOND READING:       John                       10:1–10           Page

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

SERMON                   Who is Your Good Shepherd?

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMNS#115 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*  
**New life in Christ takes shape in a community  
in which people know that God loves and accepts them  
in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves  
and love others, knowing that no one has any ground  
on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

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 & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Great God,  
to you we give our thanks;  
your steadfast love endures forever.  
With gratitude we bring our gifts to you.  
Bless us and our gifts,  
that our lives and our resources  
may be a source of healing and hope,  
of joy and justice in our world. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*HYMNS#538 Lod, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION                                   2 Cor. 13:13  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God our Father  
and the Fellowship  
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.

**St. Vincent dePaul Ebensburg Food Pantry**—Envelops 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 30 @6-7:30<sup>h</sup>*

**Bible2020 Program**—Our Bible Study Wednesdays @7pm

**Communion Service**—Sunday, May 7, 2023

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

### April Birthdays and Announcements

May 7 Lucas Taylor

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 29 Sarah Elizabeth Segear

May 31 Jim Stratton

**Ebensburg-Colver Joint Service**—Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Session Meeting**--Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> @7pm

### **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