

“I will not let you go unless you bless me.” Gen. 32:26

## GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

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

We come, carrying just what we need for the journey:

**five loaves, two fish.**

We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:

**our time, our talents, our gifts.**

We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:

**in God’s hands, what we have is enough.**

**We come to worship the Lord!**

\* HYMN# 442 Red. Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

When we call upon God,

God answers. Even when our steps stray from God’s path,

even when our feet slip,

God listens to us and answers our prayers.

Let us offer our prayer of confession.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*in unison*)

**Generous God,**

**you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them. Amen (*silent Prayer*)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

Incline your ear, listen:

God makes an everlasting covenant with us.

**God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward. Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI



## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

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### Mission Statement

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

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<sup>1</sup> CTW 561A

\*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

Guide us, O God, by the Spirit of truth

to hear the Word of life you speak,

and to give all glory, honor, and praise

to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING:      Genesis      32:22–31      Page 26

SECOND READING:   Psalm      17:1–7      Page 431

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON              *Cambri-Gambella Collaborative*

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN (see insert) They'll Know We are Christians

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . .

As nothing can separate us from your love, let nothing stand between us and our calling to share the love of Christ with others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . .

Give us a greater respect for smaller things—the tiny seed, small creature, or subtle event that plays a vital part in your good creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . .

Grant our leaders wise and discerning minds, so that they may live in faithfulness, and govern with righteousness and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . .

Help us to deal honestly with one another, keeping faith and honoring commitments in public life and in personal affairs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . .

Remember those in peril, hardship or distress. Show them that nothing in life or in death can separate them from your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God,

confident that all things work together for good for those who love you

and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks,

O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our

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      Romans 12:1-3

### **SENDING**

\*HYMN # 130 Red. How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. **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. We need your prayers and prayerfully, please consider donating to the Major Repair Fund. Contact pastor Owar or one of our leaders.

**Joint Service and Picnic:** Our annual joint service will be 10:00 AM on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at Colver Presbyterian Church with Holy Communion and there will be picnic following the service.

**Bible2020 Program**—Bible Study Program will not meet in August, but resume in September on Wednesdays @7pm

**August Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Happy Birthday

- Aug. 5            Jack Makosy
- Aug. 8            Philip Rice
- Aug. 15          Kristine Segear
- Aug. 24          Phil Brulia
- Aug. 25          Duane Mohney
- Aug. 27          Makenzie Magley De Yulis

Happy Anniversary	
Aug.3	Jack & Sue Makosy
Aug. 7	Ed Baker & Carol Carlisle
Aug. 31	Susan & Matt Wolfe

**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.
- Erin M.
- Marty F

- Claudette Segear
- John Fedora
- Gloria P.
- Father Pat Kirsch
- Family of Richard McKim
- Phil Brulia

**Vacation** Rev. Ojulu is out of the office and will be on vacation for two weeks. He will be in the church on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jim Stratton or one of the church leaders with any question or concern.

**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*