



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 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 (*in unison*)

O God, you are our God, we seek you, our soul thirsts for you and our flesh faints for you and for your unfailing love in this dry and weary world where there are no waters of love. We have come this morning to gaze at your glory, earnestly search for your presence and worship you in your sanctuary. Draw near now, O Lord, as we lift up our hands and our lips to praise you and call your name. Amen

THE CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (*Responsively*)

God has welcomed us without reservation,
so let us welcome all in God's name!

Peace be with you.

**God's peace be among us, around us,
and within us. Let us worship the Lord!**

* HYMN#277 O God, Our Faithful God

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

**God who provides our every need,
you have given us countless gifts.
You have welcomed us for all of who we are.
You have showered us with steadfast love.
You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus.
We do not deserve these gifts.
We take them and squander them.
We continue to trust ourselves
more than we trust you.
We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us.
Accept our confession.
Be our glory and our strength for the days to come,
our strength, shield, and deliverer. Amen (*silent Prayer*)**

¹ CTW 561A

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *(Responsively)*

Part of God's provision for all of us

is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry. Friends, you're forgiven! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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:

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-14 Page 15-16

SECOND READING: Psalm 13:1-6 Page 429

The Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON God HIMSELF will Provide!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS#507 I come with Joy

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: ...

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: ...

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you
with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, we bless you, God of glory, and
pray in unison: **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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

**O God, you have called us from the death to life; now we
offer ourselves to you, and with your ancient church, we
thank you for your redeeming power and love in Christ
Jesus our savior. Send us now to the world to proclaim the
good news to many and share love with your creation.
Amen**

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to
us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for
the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of
your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

*HYMNS# 262 God of Our Fathers, Whose almighty Hand

CHARGE AND BLESSING 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18
And we urge you, beloved, encourage the fainthearted, be patient
with everyone. Seek to do good always, Rejoice always. Always
keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for
this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. **Amen**

*CHORAL BLESSING

****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.

Worship at Pines Spring: We will be closed on Sunday, July 16th to join worship service with Redstone Presbytery for the rededication of the Log chapel. Service starts at 10:00AM. If you plan to go, please contact Becky Bracken or Rev. Ojulu. The presbytery needs to know the number of attendants.

Sponsoring a Counselor: The Mission Committee has answered the call to sponsor a staff member at Pine Springs Camp, as we have been doing for many years. This year we will be sponsoring a counselor, Ellyse Betler. If you wish to participate in this outreach, please consider donating something to be included in a shoebox of small gifts that we will be sending in early July. Possible items to be included in the box are listed below. **Please note that some staff members are allergic to nuts, so we should refrain from sending anything containing tree nuts or peanuts or that is made with peanut oil.** Possible items include:

- 1) Cards and notes
- 2) Small quantities of candy bars, snacks, or “fun items” (**Avoiding nuts, peanuts, and peanut oil**)
- 3) A \$25.00 gas gift card (Giant Eagle Get-Go is recommended, but another type would be fine.)
- 4) A \$25.00 restaurant gift card (Ruby Tuesdays, Eat and Park, Subway, Applebee’s, and Chili’s are all nearby)
- 5) Small devotional book or other spiritual encouragement items

We are all invited to send additional notes of thanks and encouragement through the end of the camp season, which is August 9th. Please address any direct correspondence to:

Ellyse Betler
Pine Springs Camp
C/O Maddy Duffield
P.O Box 186
371 Pine Springs Camp Road
Jennerstown, PA 15547
Thank you for your support!

Bible2020 Program—Bible Study Program, Wednesdays @7pm

Food Pantry- The Mission Committee is collecting funds for our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry during July. Please give generously!

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

July 1 Bill Carlisle, Sr.

July 7 Bennett Vaughn

July 8 Walter Feath

July 13 Marcus Magley

July 16 Luke Vietmeir

July 26 Richard “Nik” Nikolishen

July 28 Judy Carl

July 29 Pat Mohney

July 30 Aric Bracken

Happy Anniversary

July 9 Herman & Judy Carl

July 15 Tim & Kristy Forberger

July 17 Tim & Debra Shamble

July 17 Owar & Apay Ojulu

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

Family of Richard McKim

Phil Brulia