

18th Sunday After Pentecost

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." Acts 9:5-6

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Pachelbel

*"Ach Gott von Himmel, sieh darein"
(Oh God, from heaven, look upon us)*

CHIMING of the HOUR

***HYMN of PRAISE # 495**

ENGELBERG

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kristy Ray

***PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Remove the scales from our eyes and set us free to serve You. In Jesus name we pray... *(Silence for individual confession)*

***ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Leader: All sin and fall short of the glory of God.

People: But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

All: Our sins are forgiven. May we worship and serve in spirit and truth!

***RESPONSE of ADORATION**

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Lord, hast the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul;
It is well; it is well with my soul.

GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION of TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Raney

*"I'd Rather Have Jesus"
Chancel Choir, Teresa Fleenor, Piano*

***DOXOLOGY #542**

TALLIS' CANON

"All Praise To Thee, My God This Night"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

*** PRAYER of DEDICATION**

Time with Younger Church

Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

(Following the Children's Message all children are invited to Kids Connect. The children may be picked up in the south end of the Christian Ministry Center after the worship service.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 9:1-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

Rev. Kristy Ray

"It's in Dying that We are Born into Eternal Life"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN of RESPONSE**

"Because He Lives"

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

***UNISON AFFIRMATION of FAITH HEIDELBURG CATECHISM**

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

FACILITIES MINUTE for MISSION

Jim Morris

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP# 379**

SOLID ROCK

"My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"

***BENEDICTION**

Persons are available to pray with you after service in the Chapel which is located behind the Sanctuary cross.

***POSTLUDE**

Dixon

"Fanfare and March on "St. Theodulph""

*Please stand if able

Next week with Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin
Sermon Series: You Are The Light Of The World"
Sermon: "Light to The Needy"
Scripture: Isaiah 58:6-12

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Jadranka and Bosko Reljic
To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of our parents.

Kristy Ray's Reflections

"It is in dying that we are raised to eternal life." –Prayer of St. Francis

This is maybe one the most loaded lines of this prayer. It is incredibly scriptural as Jesus and Paul both talk about the importance of dying and rising. Romans 6:2, 11; 7:6, Colossians 2:20; 3:3, 1 Peter 2:24 all remark about the dying and rising we encounter as Christians. Paul is saying that we are part of the resurrection story in the here and now. We can encounter the eternal life promised to us today, not when our bodies are committed to the ground. We are a resurrection people called to rise up from the ashes and witness to the world around us.



Today's scripture is about Paul's Conversion. He was alive to his realities and was deeply committed to hurting those who believed. Then God intervened in the only way Paul would listen. To knock him back, blind him, and show up. This is a very dramatic story, one that is hard for those who haven't necessarily ever had a great a conversion story. That Saul died on the road to Damascus and rose as Paul a converted, invested and dramatic Christian who lead the way. The paths that lead us to Christ may not be as dramatic as Paul and that's ok. Every time we encounter God is important. When we chose life in Christ we are dying to those things that separate us from the good news, from Jesus.

How did God first get your attention? Was it a dramatic event or something more subtle?

If we are dead to sin, how is it that Christians still sin?

What things do we need to leave behind in order to be more alive in Christ?

What is the 'new' that you need in your spiritual life?

Holy God, one in grace, one glory, one in love – you call us to love and serve you as one people, united in heart, mind, spirit, and strength. Help us to love one another, living in unity and peace, working together in your Spirit for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our reconciler and redeemer.

Eunice T. McGarrah, A Study of the Belhar Confession and its Accompanying Letter (Louisville: Office of Theology and Worship)

Joyfully,

Rev. Kristy Ray



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God does answer prayer!

Persons are available to pray with you after service in the Chapel which is located behind the Sanctuary cross. Also, if you wish prayer for a situation in your life, you may place a Prayer Request Form from the pew rack into the offering plate. Prayer Request Forms are also available on www.epcfl.org/prayer-request or contact one of the pastors listed below.

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EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Acts 9:1-22

*"It's in Dying that We are Born into
Eternal Life"*

*"Turning the World Right Side Up-
Becoming an Instrument of God's Peace"*

*"Led by the Holy Spirit
Eastminster glorifies Christ
By Loving God and others
in worship, word and deed."*

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