

*East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church  
Reedsville, Pennsylvania*



April 14, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter

**Congregation reads text in BOLD**

\*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

Resurrection is happening all around us, all the time. May the Spirit open our hearts to see it and give us courage to believe it. And may we live as signs of resurrection hope for others in a world that so desperately needs to be renewed.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(inspired by Psalm 4)

The Lord hears us when we call:

**Come, let us put our trust in God.**

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.**

\*HYMN: PH #102 *Were You There?* (Verses 1 & 4)

\*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin (Acts 3:19). Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

*A time for silent reflection and self-examination*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 John 3:1). Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia! Amen.

\*PEACE OF CHRIST:

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of our Sanctuary. The Peace of Christ be with You!!

**And, also with You.**

\*GLORIA PATRI:

*Glory to be the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 3: 1-7  
Luke 24: 33-48

MESSAGE: *Who has the Key?* Rev. Ela J. Robertson

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN: PH #105 *Because You Live, O Christ*

Organ plays first time through.  
Congregation sings verses only; organ plays refrain.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.**

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY:

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

\*HYMN: PH #119 *The Strife is O'er* (all verses)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

April 16	<b>Love in Action Outreach</b> , LUMINA Canter, at 9:00 am
May 1	<b>Session Meeting</b> , in manse, at 6:30 pm
May 2	<b>Tea Party</b> , Valley View, 1:30 pm
May 17	<b>Third-Friday Event</b> , Reedsville Square
June 8	<b>East-Kish Open House</b> , Reedsville Community Days

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Thursday, May 2, at 1:30, there will be a Valley View Tea Party for Terrace, Haven and Village residents connected to Milroy, Reedsville, Belleville, Lewistown and other local Presbyterian churches. Members of the congregation who would like to attend to provide fellowship are welcome. Please let Pastor Ela know if you can be there.

Please consider volunteering to be an usher, lector, and/or money counter. Sign-up sheets are in the back.

Kenneth McNitt has kindly volunteered to set up a stand at the May 17 Third-Friday event in Reedsville. He will be our liaison with the Reedsville Community Association. This is a great opportunity to increase our visibility in the community. At the May 17 Third-Friday event, we plan to promote the summer day camps and have a fishing game for children. Please volunteer to help.

Session has decided that the church will be hosting some sort of open house during the Saturday morning of Reedsville Days. Laura will head this committee and effort. Please volunteer to plan and to help.

Updates and/or additions to the Prayer List in next week's bulletin list can be made by calling the church telephone (717 667-6366) and leaving a message on the answering machine.

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