

East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church  
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



June 30, 2024  
11:15 am  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Congregation reads text in BOLD**

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace; God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base; Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun; Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP:

We trust that the Lord is with us

**and all shall be made well.**

Our faith is the light that guides us

**through work, life and the world.**

Rejoice and know that God is here.

**All things shall be well, all manner of things shall be well.**

\* HYMN: PH# 181 *Come Sing to God*

\*CALL to CONFESSION:

You are our creator, knitting us together and breathing life into dust. You are our redeemer, healing our diseases and delivering us from death. We come to you with our communal sins with confidence in your forgiveness and love.

\*CONFESSION:

**When you parted the waters, you had not intended for nations to fight against one another. When you created man and woman you had not intended for their offspring to live in conflict. Yet, we continue to turn away from the places you would lead us where we could stand for unity in the world. We continue to be irritated and annoyed with others when we could practice listening, patience and humility. We strive to solve our own problems, or heal ourselves, forgetting you are there to hear our prayers and lead us to those who can help us. Let us know your forgiveness and your healing love. Our Lord, Our God. Amen**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

*A time for silent reflection and self-examination*

**\*ASSURANCE of PARDON:**

Great is God's faithfulness! With God there is forgiveness and great power to redeem. Friends, know God forgives us fully and freely. Thanks be to God, 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:

Old Testament Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23

Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-24 & 35-43

MESSAGE: *Speaking through Silence*

Rev. Ela J. Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*SONG:** *Sounds of Silence* (see purple insert)

**\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH:** (The Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

PRAYER SONG: *Heal Us Now 3x*

*Heal us, heal us, heal us now.  
Show us, show us, show us how.*

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 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 #289 *O God of Every Nation*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

Go in peace. Be whole. Know, our Savior makes you well.

And may God who gives you life, Christ who shares your life, and the Spirit who is in your life be with you today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.

\*AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING:

**Each service during the summer will feature favorite hymns and/or uplifting secular songs. If you have a favorite let Laura or Pastor Ela know.**

July 19                    **Third-Friday Event**, Reedsville Square, 4:00 – 8:00 pm

July 21                    **Service and Picnic at Greenwood Furnace**, 11:00 am, pavilion by the lake and restrooms.

Call if you need a ride; we will arrange drop off at the little parking area near the site and assistance to the site.

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:



July is “Easy-Meal Month” for the Blessing Box. When you're shopping, please look for foods that can easily be prepared during this hot summer month. Some ideas include: canned tuna and Tuna Helper, Pasta-Roni, macaroni and cheese and canned ham, Ramen, Shelf-Stable Protein Bowls or Noodle Dishes, hearty canned soups, canned pasta... Anything else that can be easily prepared. (Of course, we continue to appreciate any other donations as well.)

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Credits: Liturgy written by Carol Prickett, Evie Hughes and others (*Presbyterian Outlook*, June 30, 2024),  
Centering Thought: 2<sup>nd</sup> verse of Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Center*, words by Shirley Erana Murray

Cover Art: “A labyrinth is a ... symbol representing Wholeness and the interconnectedness of all of life. A source of wisdom, wonder and transformation, it is an ancient universal symbol found in many sacred cultures of the world and not belonging to any one faith or tradition. Unlike a maze, which has many paths and dead-ends, a labyrinth is unicursal, meaning it has one direct path to the [center]. This can be seen as a metaphor for our journey through life, a journey to the [center] of ourselves and an opportunity for transformation” (<https://derrynagittah.ie/pages/labyrinth>).

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