

East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



May 19, 2024
Day of Pentecost

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

Leopoldo A. Sanchez comments on his book, *Sculptor Spirit*:

“Remember those WWJD (What would Jesus do?) bracelets? I always felt that following their message was a little hard. It placed a burden on me to be like Jesus but offered no way to bridge the chasm between us. Instead of trying so hard on our own... we can remember that Jesus, the bearer of the Spirit, generously gives us the Spirit. The Spirit, working in and through us, has many ways to gently shape and work with us to be more Christlike.

SILENT PRAYER:

Veni, Sancte, Spiritus. Come Holy Spirit and shape me to be like Jesus. Stir up our courage. Help us to see the spirit at work in new possibilities and rouse us to be your voice in the world.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (John 7:37-38; Psalm 104)

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty,

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*HYMN: StF #2118 *Holy Spirit, Come to Us* (Veni Sancte Spiritus)
– with descant

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Our feet have walked where Jesus walked, yet we confess our paths have strayed. Let us honestly acknowledge our world’s wrong turns and our own with faith in God’s tender loving care.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth’s resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding your charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our friends and enemies. We disregard your compassions by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of you Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

A time for silent reflection and self-examination

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace and be restored to abundant life.

***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:

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-7, 12-13

MESSAGE: *Sculpted by Wind*

Rev. Ela J. Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN:** PH #322 *Spirit of the Living God*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (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

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 #315 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What does the miracle of Pentecost mean to you? What thoughts, feelings, ideas or images come to mind as you consider this story in Acts?
2. How might you build more connections at church or within your community? In what ways might you need to move outside your "comfort zone" to make these connections?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

May 25	Jeremy Mertz, and band Ma'aM , on WPSU, at 10:00 pm
May 26	Memorial Day Service , Church Hill Cemetery, 2:00 pm
June 8	East-Kish Open House , Reedsville Community Days, 7:00 am - noon
June 12	Session Meeting , Manse, 6:30 pm
June 21	Third-Friday Event , Reedsville Square, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
July 21	Service and Picnic with West Kish , Greenwood Furnace

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Remember: May is “can month” for the Blessing Box. When you're shopping, please consider picking up cans of fruit, soup, and/or pasta for the Blessing Box. (Of course, we continue to appreciate any other donations as well.)

East Kish will hold an open house from 7:00 am – noon on Saturday, June 8, during Reedsville Community Days. We will be distributing bottles of water and offering use of the upstairs bathroom. The sanctuary will be open for people to see and Bill and Jene may play short sessions of music during the morning. **Volunteers are needed to welcome guests. PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP on the day of the event. Sig- up sheets are in the back.**

Jeremy Mertz and his band Ma'aM will be featured on *The Local Grove Presents: Ma'aM*. The show will air on WPSU TV on Saturday, May 25, at 10:00 pm.

BIKE RIDE for the HOMELESS, MAY 2024: Lavern Yutzky will RIDE his bike--as many miles as possible--in the month of May to support the homeless of our community. 100% of funds raised will go to Shelter Service, Inc. **Please consider pledging a dollar amount Per Mile, OR give a one-time gift to Shelter Service, Inc.** Checks can be mailed to Shelter Service, Inc. at 13 Depot St. Lewistown, Pa 17044. See Jene or Gail for more information.



**BE
KIND**

The **BE KIND** yard signs, created by West Kish congregation, are still available. If you would like one for your yard, there are extra signs in the East Kish office. A \$12 donation would be appreciated, to cover costs.

It's camp time, again!

This year, East Kish will host four sessions of day camp.

Art Camp: June 17 – 21 Times: 9 am – 1 pm ▪ For children who have completed 3rd grade & older ▪ Lunch provided

Computer Programming Camp: June 24 – 28 Times: 1 pm – 5 pm ▪ For children who have completed 4th grade & older ▪ Snack provided

Crafting & Cooking Camp: July 8 – 12 Times: 9 am – 1 pm ▪ For children who have completed 3rd grade & older ▪ Lunch provided

Little Kids' Camp: July 15 – 19 Times: 9 am – 1 pm ▪ For children who have completed kindergarten through 3rd grade ▪ Lunch provided

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