



East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

One: Jesus appears and offers peace to the disciples. He shows them his hands and his side, sends them forth into the world, and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit. With God's grace to guide them they witness to Christ's resurrection, sharing their gifts with those who are in need. The truth of God's love has brought light to the world. Let all who have seen the light strive to live in it, so that Christ's promise of peace may dispel the darkness of need.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Into our fears and through our locked doors,

People: Come, Almighty God.

One: When we think "peace be with you" means no change or disruption,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

People: Come, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #464

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

One: When we stand at the baptismal font and confess our sins we are not doing so as lost, guilty and ambiguous human beings who are not sure of our standing before God. We do not

come groveling, but we come confident as those who are no longer dead in our trespasses, but who are already alive in Jesus Christ. Without God's grace, we would not even know we are sinners. So we confess together:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

All: O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside.

Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

One: You are already forgiven, loved and whole. In Christ, you are a fully flourishing human being; go live like it. In the Spirit, you are not an isolated spiritual being, doing Christianity alone, but you are part of a community of faith; go build. By the grace of God, every human being is seen, loved, and made whole; go practice that. Amen.

***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.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 4: 32 - 35

1 John 1:1 -2:2

John 20: 1 - 31

SERMON: Know Doubt

Elder Gail Wagner

***HYMN: We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight #399**

*CONFESSION OF FAITH:

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS and CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.***

*HYMN: *Here I am, Lord* #525

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE: *Amen*

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

April 9 **Presbytery Meeting**, in Hollidaysburg or via Zoom, at 9:30 am
April 9 **Donate Blood**, Calvary Church, Lewistown 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
April 10 **Session Meeting**, in manse, at 6:30 pm

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Robertson will be away April 3 - 8, and 11-13. Pastor Sarah Sedgwick will be available for emergency pastoral care. Her cellphone number is: (814) 771-1891 and her email is: pastorsedgwick@gmail.com

Here is an opportunity to be a super hero! It's an unusual way to fill our Blessing Box and possibly save a life. Each person who donates blood will receive a \$5 Giant gift card. If so inclined, you can place your \$5 gift card in the collection plate, for Donna to purchase items for the Blessing Box. Two good deeds; one action.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Calvary Church

111 E. 3rd Street, Lewistown

Everyone will receive a \$5 Gift Card!

Appointments are strongly recommended to avoid wait time.

Call: 1-800-771-0059 or email centralpennbloodbank@cpbb.org



Good News! The Blessing Box has received a \$500 grant from The Presbytery of Huntingdon's Hunger Fund. Thanks to Donna Green, Cassie Campbell, and Rev. Robertson for making this happen.

The April 9 Presbytery Meeting will have a special guest speaker: Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace. Rev. Santana Grace is the co-moderator of the General Assembly. If you are interested in participating, but cannot attend in person, the meeting will be available via Zoom.

The March 31 Offering totaled \$2043. Thank you for giving.

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