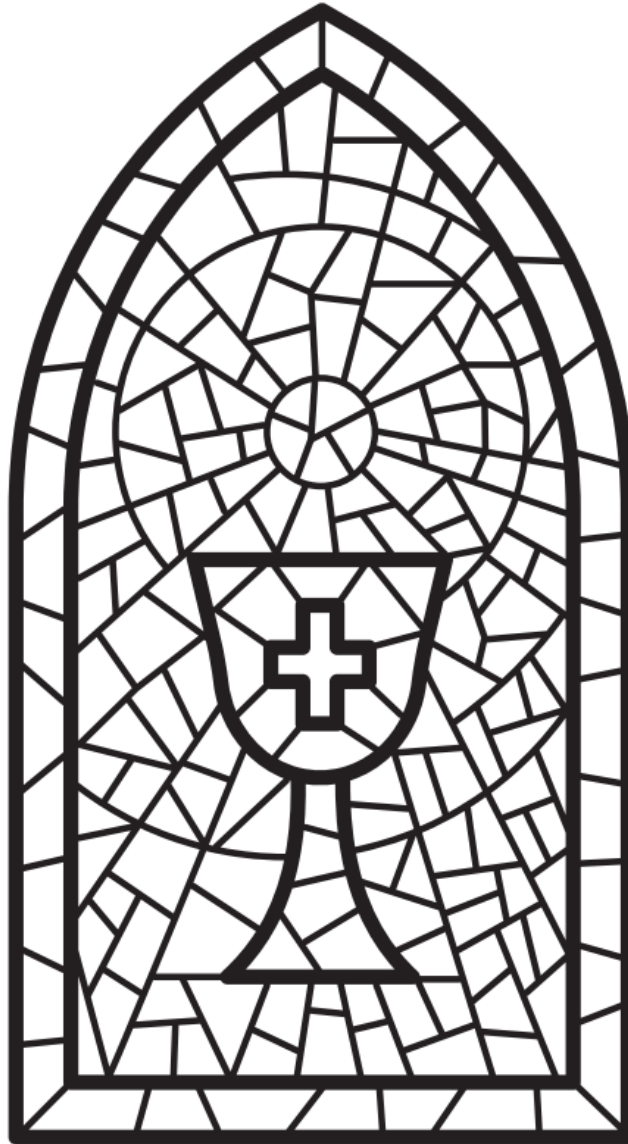


East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



October 6, 2024, 11:15 am
20th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Therefore, today Presbyterians join Christians of different traditions to celebrate World Communion Sunday as a way to recognize our ecumenical oneness in Christ and to bring Christians together in a spirit of unity and peace.

Lord, as we come to your table today with Christians across the globe, may our common faith in you unite us, and through our unity may we spread the love and peace of Christ throughout the world. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God’s name! Amen!

*HYMN: PH #289 *O God of Every Nation*

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Faced with God’s goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God’s mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God’s children let us confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies.

We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ, through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue to sow seeds of peace to those who are near and far. **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: Mark 12:28-31
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

MESSAGE: *Designed to Love* Jeremy Charles

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN: StF #2237 *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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 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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION to the Lord's Table

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And, also with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right ... and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise eternal God, our creator. Once we were no people but now we are your people. You raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection breathing into it your life and power. Even now to acts of courage and witness a peace. From worlds apart you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always your love has been steadfast. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

* HYMN: PH #439 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* AMEN

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Pray for peace among the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia and the Middle East. Pray for all communities who have experienced mass shootings.

Pray for those who are ill, undergoing diagnosis, operations, treatments and recovery: especially those mentioned in joys and concerns.

All affected by Hurricane Helene
Elaine
Renee H.
David (Lee) Adams
Tina and Dave H.
Fr. J. Stephen Hickman
Linda S.
Nancy, Nancy H.'s granddaughter
Babara C.
Mason and Kenny
Carol, Gwen's sister
Cassie
Mark, Nancy H.'s brother
Paula, Donna's friend
Karen, Carrie's cousin
Marie S.
Janet, Cassie's cousin, and her family
Donna, Mary & Carol, Vicki's friends

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

October 13	Guest Speaker: Gail Wagner, CLP
October 20	Guest Speaker: Matt Waddell, CLP
October 27	Reformation Sunday.
November 6	Session Meeting in the manse, at 6:30
November 10	Guest Speaker: Gail Wagner, CLP

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Emergency Pastoral Care while Pastor Robertson is away will be covered by Rev. Graham Fowler. He has requested that rather than calling him directly, CLPs Gail Wagner and Matt Waddell act as liaisons regarding any situations that call for his attention. Please contact Gail at (717) 348-1059 or (717) 667-6526 with any concerns.

There will be a **Reformation Recital at St. John's Lutheran Church**, Lewistown, Sunday October 27 at 3pm. Lisa Griffith, Pastor Ela and many others will be performing.

Adult Sunday School meets at 10:15, each Sunday, in the Parlor.

The collection for Thailand that will be traveling with Pastor Ela and The Peace Team **totaled \$710**. West Kish will be adding to this. The funds will be distributed to help with some of the immediate needs of our Pakh-5-Nan friends. Please continue to pray for God's direction with this endeavor and thank you for your generosity.

Dave Adams is now in Room 409A at Valley View. He misses home. It would be wonderful for some people to drop in and visit while the pastor is away.

Our Town Big Valley, which had Pastor Ela and about 10 other members of West Kish participating, just won the Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for WPSU!

Blessing Box: **October is restocking month** of the items most used: including cereal and instant oatmeal, canned fruit, canned pasta, pancake mix and syrup, soup and peanut butter. Thank you for continuing to support the blessings box.

Credits: 2024 Peace & Global Witness Worship Liturgy, PCUSA

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Worship Leader and Celebrant: Elder Gail Wagner, CLP

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Charles

Musician: Jene Mertz

Lector: Tina Harpster

Ushers: Vicki Bigelow and Tina Harpster