

East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



June 9, 2024
11:15 AM
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

Four quotes and a prayer on Hope

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning. - Albert Einstein

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and never stops at all. - Emily Dickinson

Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out. - Vaclav Havel

Invisible, invincible God, strengthen our faith in you and let hope put wings on our words and actions.
Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 130)

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

Holy One, hear my voice.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.

In God's word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

*HYMN: PH #469 *Morning Has Broken*

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: from the Book of Common Worship

God of Hope, we confess that our words "I hope so" are too often a sign we are not doing enough to make it so.

We confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and soul
and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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 Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4, 8:19-20, 11:14-15; 15:35-16:1; 16:11-13
New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-17

MESSAGE: *Inward Bonds of Hope* Rev. Ela J. Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN:** PH #473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (from the Belhar Confession)

[The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved the Confession of Belhar, a gift from the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa (URCSA), as part of the *Book of Confessions* at the 222nd General Assembly (2016). This was in response to the S. African apartheid of 1948-94 but more broadly was based on the belief that “Belhar’s witness to unity, reconciliation, and justice might help the PC(USA) speak and act with similar clarity at a time when it faces division, racism, and injustice.”]

We believe

- **that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**
- **that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;**
- **that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;**
- **that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.**

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.

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

*HYMN: StF #2241 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (verses 1-3)

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*AMEN
*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

June 12	Session Meeting , Manse, 6:30 pm
June 17	East Kish Day Camps begin
June 17-21	Krislund Day Camp , pick up at Milroy Rutter's, 8:30 am
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: June is “breakfast-food month” for the Blessing Box. When you're shopping, please consider picking up breakfast foods like cereal, Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal packets, peanut butter, or pancake mix. (Of course, we continue to appreciate any other donations as well.)

It's camp time, again! This year, East Kish will host four sessions of day camp. Please pick up pamphlets at the back of the church and give to anyone you think might be interested.

Huntingdon Presbytery/Pahk 5 Nan, Thailand Partnership Trip, September 30, 2024 – October 11, 2024: This year, the Pahk is celebrating 130 years of ministry and has invited seven individuals from the Presbytery to join them. We intend to pray together, worship together and come to a deeper understanding of the culture and the ministries that happen in each other's country. Participants are responsible for \$1,000 of the cost. The presbytery will sponsor the remaining cost. For more information or to complete the application, check out the Huntingdon Presbytery website, Huntingdon Connections, or call Pastor Sam Strohm at 717-994-2397 or Cindy Sunderland at 717-250-0440. Application deadline is Tuesday, June 25.

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