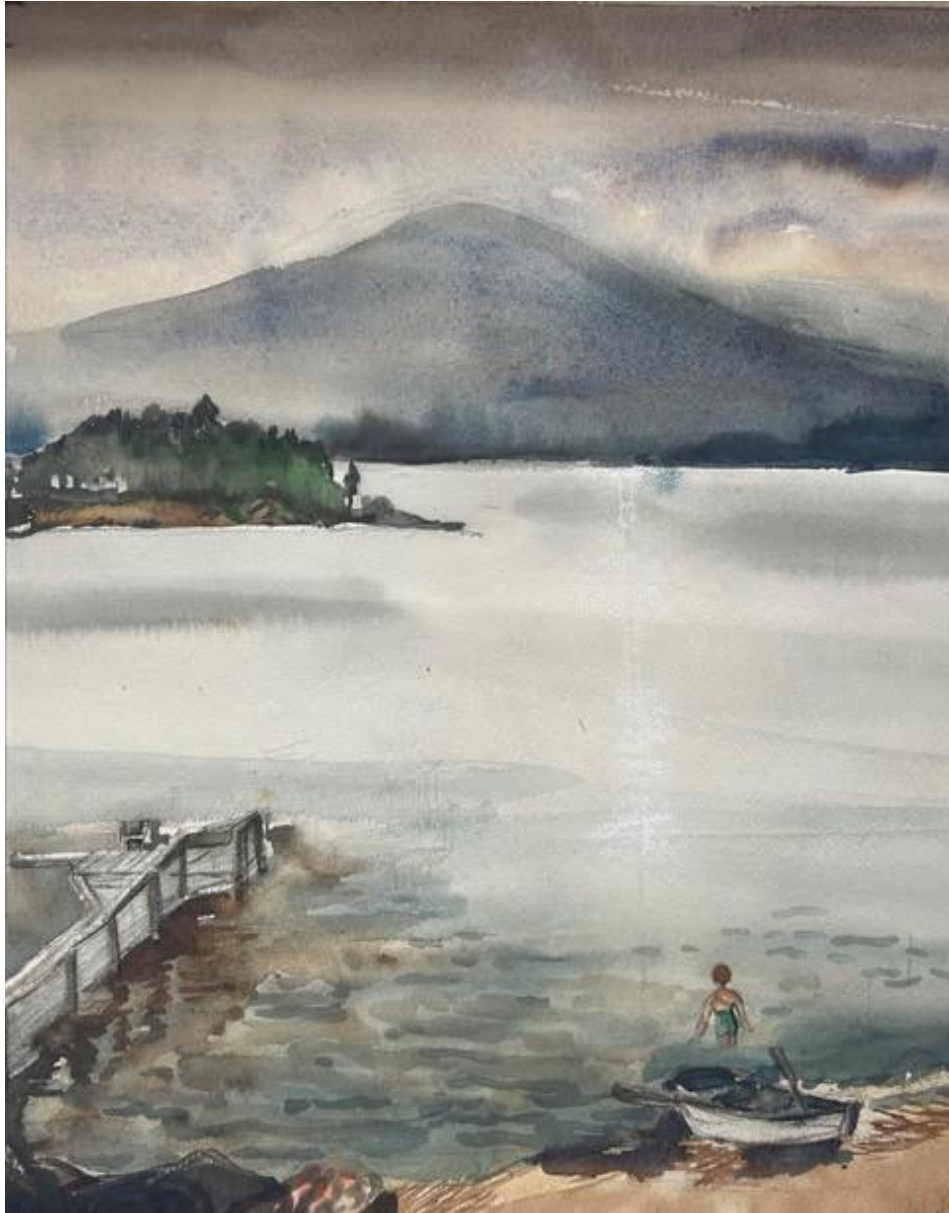


East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church  
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



July 14, 2024  
11:15 am  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**Congregation reads text in BOLD**

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

“We must love one another or die.  
Defenseless under the night  
Our world in stupor lies;  
Yet, dotted everywhere,  
Ironic points of light  
Flash out wherever the  
Just Exchange their messages:  
May I, composed like them  
Of Eros and of dust  
Beleaguered by the same  
Negation and despair,  
Show an affirming flame.”— W.H. Auden

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 85)

YHWH, favor your land once again forgive the guilt of your people and cover all their sins.

**I will listen to what you have to say, YHWH— a voice that speaks of peace, peace for your people who turn their hearts to you**

Your salvation is near for those who revere you; your glory will dwell in our land.

**Love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.**

Fidelity will sprout from the earth and justice will lean down from heaven.

**YHWH will give us what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.**

**Justice will march before you, YHWH, and peace will prepare the way for your steps.**

\*HYMN: PH #176 *The Earth and All That Dwell Therein*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION:

The truth is liberating. Let us honestly examine our hearts and confess our sins before God.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck – trapped! – in our comfortable ways. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

*A time for silent reflection and self-examination*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with bold, courageous love. 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: Amos 7:7-15

New Testament selections on the theme of power within:

Luke: 17:21

Acts 1:8

Ephesians 3:19-20

**MESSAGE:** *Without Power Within* Rev. Ela J. Robertson

\*HYMN/SONG: *This Land is Your Land* by Woody Guthrie

This land is your land, and this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me

As I went walking that ribbon of highway  
And I saw above me that endless skyway  
I saw below me that golden valley  
This land was made for you and me

I roamed and rambled, and I've followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts  
All around me, a voice was sounding  
This land was made for you and me

There was a big, high wall there that tried to stop me  
A sign was painted said "Private Property"  
But on the backside, it didn't say nothing  
This land was made for you and me

When the sun come shining, then I was strolling  
And the wheat fields waving, and the dust clouds rolling  
The voice was chanting as the fog was lifting  
This land was made for you and me

This land is your land, and this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me  
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### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN: PH #466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*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  
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

CALL for 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

BRINGING OURSELVES TO THE TABLE:

All I Am, O all I am  
All I Am I bring to you I bring to you.  
All my tears ...  
All my joy ...

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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. O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, you call us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace. 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:**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. *(The bread is distributed.)*

The Bread of Life! *(We take the bread together)*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. *(The cup is distributed.)*

The Cup of the Covenant. *(We take the cup together)*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

\***HYMN**: PH #466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\***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 20      **Help Prepare the Peaches for the Greenwood Picnic**, 10:00 am
- July 21      **Service and Picnic with West Kish**, Greenwood Furnace, 11:00 am

**Call 717-935-2337, by Friday July 19 at noon, if you need a ride; we will arrange drop off at the little parking area near the site and assistance to the site.**

- July 28      **Last day to contribute to Christmas in July**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**BIG NEWS:** This year, we will be combining our annual peach social with the West Kish picnic at Greenwood Furnace.

**Service and Picnic at Greenwood Furnace: July 21**

Service at 11:00; picnic at noon.

We will be joining the congregation of West Kish for worship, food, and fellowship. West Kish will provide drinks (water and iced tea), and hotdogs, hamburgers, their corresponding buns, and condiments. Instead of having a peach social here, East Kish will provide peaches and ice cream for everyone at the picnic.



There is a sign-up sheet at today's service. If you haven't already done so, **please indicate how many in your family/group will be attending and what side dishes you might contribute (we're aiming for a variety).**

Please remember to bring a chair.

See the Picnic Flyer  
for more details!

**PLEASE HELP with the preparation of the peaches.** Donna and a team of worker bees will be preparing the peaches for the West Kish Picnic on Saturday, July 20, at 10:00. The more helpers the merrier. Hope you in the church kitchen, then!



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.)

**Christmas in July – 2024.** Don't forget we are again participating in this worthy project for the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. July 28 will be the last day to contribute. There are handouts with more details at the back of the church.

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Crafting and Cooking Camp at East Kishacoquillas  
July 8 – 12

Thanks to ALL who've made the day camps a success!

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Musician: Bill Peightel

Communion Servers: Tina Harpster and Vicki Bigelow



Ushers: Vicki Bigelow and Tim Bigelow