

East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



June 23, 2024
11:15AM
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
*Presentation of Bibles &
Blessing for Camps, Campers and Teachers*

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT:

“For Presbyterians... the Bible is the means by which [we] come to understand how God has been present with humanity since the beginning of time and is present in our world today” (Presbyterian Mission).

We confess “the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God’s self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit” (Book of Order).

Friend Jesus, Word of God, thank you for being the One who will be with us always and never give us bad advice. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Mark 4:35-41)

When the storms of life arise

and the waves threaten to overturn the boat of our faith,

remember the power of our Savior

to calm, to still, to establish peace.

*HYMN: PH #449 *My Lord! What a Morning*

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

God gathers and prepares us for worship. Let us confess the sins that detract and distract us from God’s path.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us – from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves – we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven’t asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time.

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 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:

First Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, 11-13

MESSAGE: *Unwrapping the Word*

Rev. Ela J. Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Bible Presentation to Young People of the Church finishing 3rd Grade:
Katherine Ruth Parkes

Camp Send-off and Blessing for Campers, Counselors and Teachers

Congregation, please respond with these words from Psalm 133:1-3 when led:

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

*HYMN: PH #331 *Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *(The Apostles' Creed Interpreted)*

What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

- June 30 5th Sunday: **Service of Healing and Wholeness** - Songs of Inspiration from popular culture
- July 14 **Communion** (Postponed due to July 4 weekend)
- July 19 **Third Friday Event**, Reedsville Square
- 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.)

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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