

West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church



Seventh Sunday after Easter

May 16, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on the 7th Sunday of Easter and the Sunday after May 13 celebrating the Ascension of the Lord. As disciples we continue to be lifted by Resurrection Joy as we consider what it is to serve an Ascended Lord. We find answers in the readings today and in the following weeks with Pentecost and Trinity Sundays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (1x organ, 1x cantor, 2x congregation)

Jubilate Deo: Raise a Song of Gladness

Jubilate Deo omni terra.
Servite Domino in laetitia.
Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia!
Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia!

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!

SILENT PRAYER

Holy One, open us to the possibility that we are being chosen to be new disciples with new ministries in Jesus' name. Amen.

*OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP Ps. 1:1–3

Leader: Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff

ALL: but who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

ALL: They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither.

281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

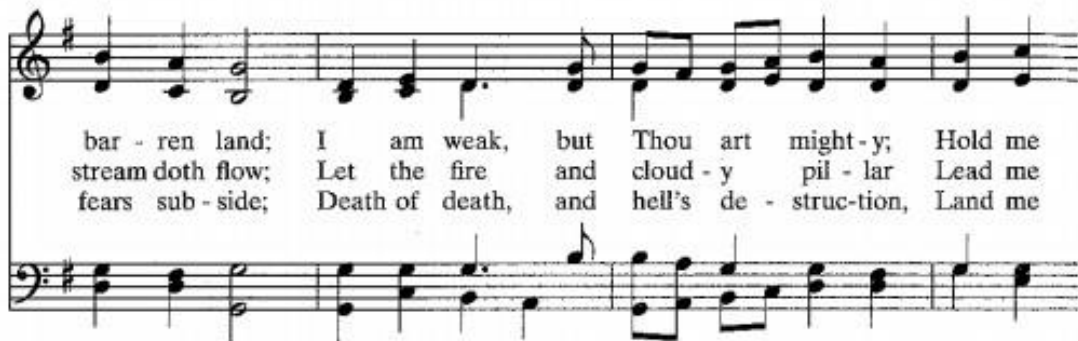
Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

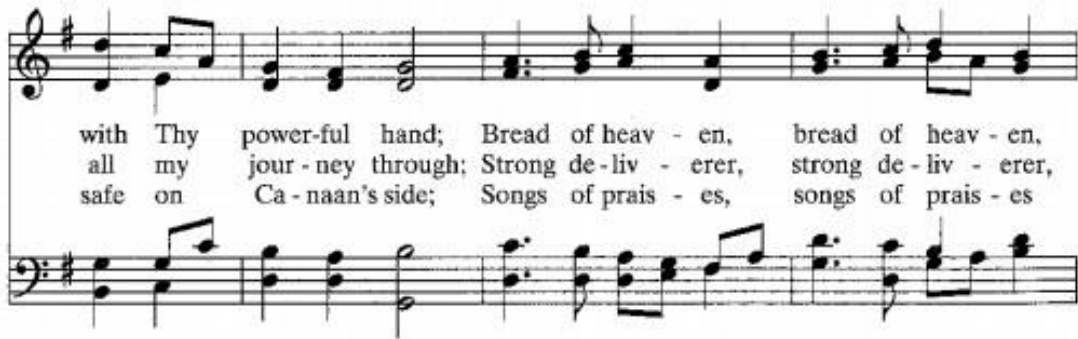
John Hughes, 1907



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me



with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

*CALL TO CONFESSION Ps. 1:6

The Lord watches over our ways. Let us put our trust in God's grace and confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Luke 24:47. John 17:15, 17

God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus' name. Though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. With joy, let us share that peace with one another.

*THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with You!! **And also with You.**
(please extend the Peace to those here in the sanctuary and beyond our walls)

*GLORIA

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION John 17:17

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. May the reading of your Word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

GOSPEL READING John 17:10-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death – his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN

393 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON LM

Charles William Everest, 1833; alt.

Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1825
Harm. John Leon Hooker, 1984

Fm Bbm Cm Fm

1. Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, If
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And
4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, And

Db Ab Db Fm Eb Ab Fm7 Cm Db Cm

you would My dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish heart be still; The Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: It guides you to a -

Db Ab Fm Db Bbm Fm Cm Fm

will - ing heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter Me.
spir - it up And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death Up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life And leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

MINUTE for MISSION Machpelah Cemetery

JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Ps. 1:3, Acts 1:25, Ps. 1:1–2 Ps. 1:2,

Let us pray for the world and ask that we may be given the grace to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

Holy God, this world is peopled by those who delight in your teachings and those who scoff at your ways. Guide us to meditate on you day and night, that we may be an influence for good in the world.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for the people and the leaders of the world in all our diversity. Sanctify them in your truth, that there may be peace and harmony on earth.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for those who are sick or suffering, that they may know your protection and care through our faithful service.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for your church, that by the marriage of your grace and our faith we may serve you and our neighbors.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

We pray for Earth itself, your marvelous creation. Inspire and help us to be the good stewards that you ask us to be, now and for the future.

May we be like trees planted by streams of water.

Make holy all for which we pray—the poor, the infirm, the church, the world—for holiness and wholeness come from you. Receive these prayers both spoken and unspoken, for we are yours.

Amen.

I Never Can Forget the Day 591

(My Mother's Prayer)

1. I nev - er can for - get the day I heard my moth - er
 2. I nev - er can for - get the voice That al - ways made my
 3. Though years have gone, I can't for - get Those words of love— I
 4. I nev - er can for - get the hour I felt the Sav - ior's

kind - ly say, "You're leav - ing now my ten - der care; Re -
 heart re - joice; Though I have wan - dered God knows where, Still
 hear them yet; I see her by the old arm chair, My
 cleans - ing power; My sin and guilt He can - celed there, 'Twas

Refrain

mem - ber, child, your moth - er's prayer."
 I re - mem - ber moth - er's prayer. 1-3. When-e'er I think of
 moth - er dear, in hum - ble prayer.
 there He an - swered moth - er's prayer. 4. Oh, praise the Lord for

her so dear, I feel her an - gel spir - it near; A
 sav - ing grace! We'll meet up yon - der face to face, The

voice comes float - ing on the air, Re - mind - ing me of moth - er's prayer.
 home a - bove to - geth - er share, In an - swer to my moth - er's prayer.

Words: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1855-1939
 Tune: Winfield S. Weedon, 1847-1908

MY MOTHER'S PRAYER
 LM with Refrain
 MOTHER'S DAY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING 1 John 5:10

God invites us to give the testimony of our hearts in practical offerings of money and time. Therefore, let us testify to God's love by bringing our gifts.

***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 THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION John 17:6**

Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God. And so we dedicate these gifts to God's service and to the glory of God's name. Amen.

SENDING

***CHARGE**

Living in the love of Christ, be open to God calling you into a new ministry.

*SENDING SONG (Verse 1)

538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7

Attr. John Fawcett, 1773

Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774, Conyer's *Collection of Psalms*

Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

Sicilian melody

1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's
3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found;
May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Jesus Christ has already given us into the arms of a loving God.

Therefore go in the Spirit of peace.

Question for Reflection

The Ascension of Christ to be seated at the right hand of God is a grand liturgical celebration in the life of the church. It marks forty days of celebrating Easter and God's triumph over the powers of oppression, depression, and our fear of death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is one of many images we have for Christ: good shepherd, suffering servant, great physician. How does the image of the ascended Christ affect your understanding of who he is? What are the strengths and weaknesses in this image of Christ for you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, come into my heart this morning and give me eyes to see throughout this day all the ways that you rule. Put your resurrecting power to work in my life and empower me to be a witness to Christ, that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, embrace me now at the end of this day. As in every day, there have been ups and downs, joys and disappointments. I thank you for my faith that, above it all, you rule. I put my trust in you as I give this day, now spent, to you. Do with it what you will, and send your Holy Spirit to pull forward threads from today that you will spin into good things tomorrow. I pray through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you, now and forever. Amen.

Parts of our service today are drawn from: *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: 1* (pp. 180-181). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.

A new birthday and anniversary song:

Dear one, Child of God
Angels of love, surround you
Dear one, Child of God
Angels of love, surround you
surround you, surround you
surround you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Rev. Ela J. Robertson

Lay Reader: Brent Stoner

Organist: John Haubrick

If you have anyone graduating in your family, please let Bev Eichhorn know.

Next Sunday May 23 is Pentecost - when the disciples receive the fire of the Holy Spirit - Celebrate being set on fire for discipleship by wearing red next week. **The following Sunday, May 30, is Trinity Sunday** - consider how Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit work together in your life and the life of the church. It is also the day before Memorial Day. Ted Carothers will speak about our veterans 'out back' in Machpelah cemetery as we honor all who have served.

Westminster Woods is NOW open for visitors. You do not need to call ahead but you do need to wear a mask and be screened. Best time is usually after noon.

Valley View is now open for visitors. Call ahead to speak to the social worker on the hall of the person you would like to visit. She will arrange a time for you in their schedule.

We are participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang once again, to support the Crossroads Pregnancy Center. This runs from Mother's Day, May 9th through Father's Day, June 20th. Feel free to pick up a baby bottle in the narthex and fill it with your spare change or you may even put cash or a check in.

The amount received so far for the Roof Fund is \$34,196. Thanks for your continuous offerings! Our goal is \$35,000! Special thank you to those who have supported this project!

You may text or email your joys and concerns at any time, or from the parking lot on Sunday, to Matt Waddell, who will relay them to the pastor. His cell phone number is 717-994-5613 or email at waddellmj1@yahoo.com.

Belleville Mennonite School invites you to the 56th Annual Auction on May 28th and 29th at the school. Friday evening will feature a Chicken BBQ Dinner, Silent Auction, Live Music and a variety of outdoor games and activities for the whole family. The dinner will be served in take-out containers from 5:00-7:00 PM. Saturday will feature a pancake breakfast from 6:30-8:30 AM and a wide variety of food and homemade baked goods available throughout the day. The Merchandise and Gift Certificate Auction begins outdoors at 8:30 AM. Handmade quilts will be sold at the top of each hour, special feature certificates will be sold at 11:00, featured outdoor items at 11:30 and a special 75th anniversary commemorative quilt will be sold at noon. Children's activities will be offered from 9:00-2:00 PM. A complete listing of auction items can be found at www.bmsprek12.org.

Birthdays in May

May 1 - Kay Semler
May 4 - Bob Seager
May 11 - Samantha Carden
Alan Abt
May 16th: Rebecca McCurdy
May 18th: Zachery Carothers
Glenn Peachey
May 26th: Sally Johnson

Celebrating an Anniversary in May

May 7th: Jay & Joy Byler
May 13th: Dave & Kay Semler
May 15th: Arron & Rebecca McCurdy

Joys and Concerns

Hannah Faulkner	Elliana Byler	Pam Ritchey	Bertha Penepacker
Jim Marthouse	Reed Henderson	Laura Baggus	Leevi Fultz
Jon Helfrick	Cindy Coder	Timmy Parson	Frank Pandolfino
Kathy Wilson	Pat Byler	Tom Bailey	

All of our community pastors and congregations

All those on the Frontlines of this COVID pandemic

Please pray for all who have lost loved ones in the recent months including Ron Bailey and family on the loss of Nancy; Bob Seager, in the loss of Jan; Pat Zook and family on the recent loss of their grandson.

Valley View Haven

Shirley Morris – Room 504
Alice Long – Room 510
Ev Wilde – Room 225

Valley View Terrace

Art Kauffman – Room A214
Doris Wilson – Room A110
Larry & Jean Ecklund A120

Westminster Woods

Bill Rumbaugh – 360 Westminster Drive, Huntingdon, PA 16652

In the Military

Rob Westover, Dave Westover, Eric Kauffman, Shawn Seager, Michael Yutesler

Presbytery Prayer Calendar

Grace United congregation – CLP Leanne Gill peters, Pastor
Nanoi Church – Elder Nittaya Thima