

*West Kishacoquillas
Presbyterian Church*



*October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*You are invited to stand if you are able at the places marked with * and say aloud the words printed in **bold***

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday. Recognized by the PC(USA) as well as other denominations, it celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world. Today we celebrate the comfort brought to diverse corners of the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ here on earth and into eternity. We take communion aware of the fellowship of faith shared across national and denominational boundaries. We worship enjoying the gifts of God's good creation and opening our hearts to sharing our gifts across the globe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Verse 1)**For the Beauty of the Earth 473**

DIX 7.7.7.7.7

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
 For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

OPENING and SILENT PRAYER

Pastor: Mwari wedu: *Our God who is*
 Musiki wedu: *Our Creator God*
 Nyadenga wedu: *Our Heavenly Father*

Let us go to God as we pray silently together.

Bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships.

Bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people.

Bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war.

Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world.

Pastor

(Zimbabwe, Shona and English, adaptation of "A Non-Traditional Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox)

Muzita raBaba,

nere Mwanakomana,

nere Mweya Mutsvene.

In the name of the Father

and the Son. and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

Leader: In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end.

Leader: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

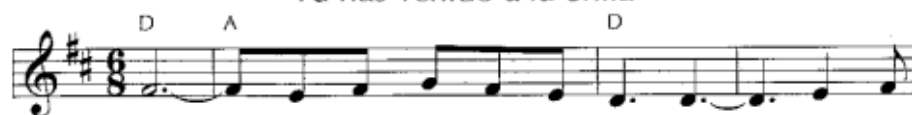
ALL: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God!

*HYMN

#721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do g los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
 en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to g



side I will seek oth - er seas.
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We turn to God in praise and prayer not from a position of power and strength, but from the broken edges of our lives, from the broken edges of the world and the church. We offer our prayers of confession, trusting in the One who is reconciling all things.*

*Inspired by Beth Laneel Tanner's "Exegetical Perspective" on Lamentations 3:19-26, Proper 22, in *ibid.*, 133.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We misuse the natural resources of the earth in carelessness and greed. By our habits and apathies, others are subjected to desolation, even despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation. Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve and to wander without rest. We wait on you, O God. We hope in you. You alone can restore all things, even us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy, and peace. Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: that God has the power to save us and has given us grace through all the ages.

People: **We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Thanks be to God!**

***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.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

***GLORIA PATRI**

***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.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, as we hear your word read and proclaimed, guide us to suss out the sound teaching you have for us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, entrust to us your good treasure, and through it, make us alive in faith. Amen.

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

SECOND READING Luke 17:5-10

MESSAGE *Pastor Ela J. Robertson*

*HYMN #340

Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart 340

JACOB LM

Alcuin (c. 735–804)

Para. Christopher Idle (b. 1938)

Jane Manton Marshall (b. 1924)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; E - ter - nal hope, lift
 2. E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; E - ter - nal bright - ness,
 3. Un - til by Your most cost - ly grace, In - vit - ed by Your

up my eyes; E - ter - nal power, be my sup - port;
 help me see; E - ter - nal Spir - it, give me breath;
 ho - ly word, At last I come be - fore Your face

E - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.
 E - ter - nal Sav - ior, come to me:
 To know You, my e - ter - nal God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we are share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Great is your faithfulness; O God, we hope in you.

God of grace and God of glory, you care for the whole earth; even now you are reconciling all things to yourself. We thank you for the ancient grace given in Christ Jesus before the ages began. As age has succeeded age to this present day your grace is with us still. We rely on your power for all things. Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We bring before you now the cares of the world. We pray for people enduring the devastation of war and oppression from enemies. We pray for cities and for public life that has suffered destruction and ruin. Bring restoration, we pray, and an end to conflicts that divide and destroy. Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We pray for nations and peoples undergoing turmoil and struggle. Return us to your ways of justice and truth. Give us compassionate hearts and resolute spirits as we work to repair community and offer solace where now there is no resting place. Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

God of tender mercy, you hear the cries of the one who is suffering, of the one trying to recover, of the one who has been hurt by another, of one at risk in a complex and impersonal system. Enfold each one in your steadfast love.

Take special care of those who do not, or cannot, cry out, but wait quietly in hope. Give voice to those who should not wait quietly; empower them with strength and support all around: the powerless one who suffers abuse; the person who is lonely, with no one to help; the one who wanders homeless among us, unnoticed; the one carrying an old burden, a silent grief, or an unvoiced fear. With the gift of life given in the soaring light of your gospel abolish the daily death they bear,
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We pray for your church, so in need of healing and reconciliation. Rekindle in us the sincere faith of Christ and make us willing and faithful servants. In unmerited grace, in startling new mercy, you chose to call us not servants, but friends. You have opened to us a place at your table of grace. We would be good stewards of your grace and glad of the company you call us to keep around your table, which is larger than we have yet imagined. In gratitude for the bread and cup you share, we will honor you by sharing our bread with others, by offering without reserve the cup you bless.
Great is your faithfulness; **O God, we hope in you.**

We make these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together, **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

Before us is a world in great need, waiting in hope. We are a people holding treasure meant to be given away: the good news of Christ; resources of time, talents, and money. If we are to participate in God's steadfast love and mercy, we must give sacrificially to the needs of God's people.

*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

Leader: Let us pray. God of great love who taught us all compassion, we continue to share the blessings that we have received from you with our neighbors.

People: Who are our neighbors?

Leader: A mother sheltering her children from the cold. A family looking for a new home. A homeless person living on the streets. May we recognize them as God's children.

People: How will our gifts help?

Leader: The offering we bless today represent our compassion for our brothers and sisters. With the gifts we send our love and our witness to the presence of God's divine nature in our world.

People: we bear witness.

Leader: That the people who share their blessings will provide a blessing of God's love in this world.

People: We send our love.

Leader: Acknowledging that we received this love from God and pray that I so sending these gift that God's grace will spread far and wide.

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: Bless the givers, and the lives of all who receive our gifts.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND INVOCATION

This is the table to which Jesus invites us!

Let us participate joyfully!

*God-planted seeds now germinate
A tree of life, an orchard bearing fruit
Such is nature, abundant life budding,
And Jesus sets the table, invites us to dine.
Water into wine, land where bread is born,
A people on the path of perfect communion.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, calling us even now to
acts of

courage and witness and peace.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every
time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: 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.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your
gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we
share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our
common bonds together, and remember our common grace together, in
the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we
be united with every corner of your story, united in hope, united in
vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place.

Words of Institution

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We give thanks for this bread, fruit of the earth and hard work, a gift of the grace
of God. We break it and share it, remembering the words and actions, gestures and
glances, silences and self-offered life of the teacher from Nazareth.

(Bread is shared)

And we give thanks for the fruit of the vine, for the joy of communion, for
alliances that endure in the search for justice and wholeness. We take the cup,
knowing we are part of a community-people renewing its covenant with life.

(The cup is shared)

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Gracious God, you are good news for a weary world. You are hope for people in despair, and you are home to exiles. Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring this day. Use them according to your own purpose and grace. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

*HYMN #367 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (Verses 3&4)

367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI Irregular with refrain

Ghanaian folk song
Trans. Tom Colvin, 1969

Ghanaian folk melody
Adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963
Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with Your love, Show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from You. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of His friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor,	Var - ied in col - or and
3. These are the ones we should serve,	These are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees,	Serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D.C.

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race, Neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh-bors to us' and You.
 slaves, This is the way we should live with You.
 feet, This is the way we should live with You.

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Fulfill your holy calling by serving God and serving neighbor without thought of reward. And hope always in God, through whom all things are possible.

***SENDING SONG #473 For the Beauty of the Earth (Verse 4)**

For the Beauty of the Earth 473

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 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
 For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

***BLESSING**

May the steadfast love of God be upon you. May the grace of Christ Jesus our Lord be within you. May the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you, now and forever.

***POSTLUDE**

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Questions for Reflection

What is faith?

Household Prayer: Morning

New every morning are your mercies, dear God. As I begin this new day, make me as merciful to others as you have been to me. Strengthen me in faith so that I may trust in you with my whole heart. If any trouble overtakes me today, help me to wait and to hope in you. May the Holy Spirit help me as I both guard and give away to others the treasure of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of my homecoming, the night falls with your steadfast love watching over the world. I put my trust in you as I prepare to lie down in sleep. Thank you for the gift of the day as it has been: for glimpses of beauty; for expressions of care; for opportunities to serve. Thank you for the gift of faith kindled and rekindled in me through the years. Thank you for those who have taught me the faith in sincerity and love. With the return of morning's light, may I rise from this resting place to live tomorrow in accord with your purpose and grace. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Rev. Ela J. Robertson
Lay Reader: Matt Waddell
Guest Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

Today is World Communion Sunday will be held outside weather permitting. Bring something of your 'world' travels from nearby the valley or far away to display.

A service of prayer and song will be held for the Valley View Terrace Residents on Wednesday October 5th at 10 a.m. in the chapel. Pastor Ela will brief words on songs sung Lisa Griffith with Patty Loudenslager, piano and cello accompaniment by Pastor Ela. Volunteers are needed to help that morning, arriving at 9:30 a.m. See Pastor Ela today if you are willing/able to help in any capacity.

The Annual Gator Camp Awareness Dinner is scheduled to be held October 29, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the Locust Grove Mennonite Church Fellowship Room. A catered dinner will be followed by a short program given by the Buccaneers, a boys' group from Gator Camp and Gator Camp updates by Greg Kanagy. An offering will be lifted. Reservations may be made by calling or contacting Ann Kanagy at 717-437-4946 or Chelsea Yoder at 941-639-7722. Please RSVP no later than October 24, 2022.

The sign-up sheet for the annual Advent Booklet that we put together with St. John's is in the narthex. The deadline is November 11th. Please make sure what you sign up for is the actual date on the little slip of paper that goes with it.

The Monday lunches that were scheduled to start in October, have been postponed indefinitely.

There is a sign-up sheet if you would like to be a greeter in the coming Sundays.

Belleville Mennonite School invites you to join us for the annual Fall Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, October 8 at 6:30 pm. Various students, staff, and alumni will be speaking as we celebrate the faithfulness of our amazing God, share the exciting ways that BMS is impacting lives, and invite others to play a vital role in the school's mission! To RSVP for this complimentary dinner, please call the school office at 717-935-2184.

The Per Capita per member for 2022 is \$34.25. You may include it with your offering and note it on the envelope. Our per capita helps pay for PCUSA immigration advisor and other services we benefit from.

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

Joys and Concerns

Hannah Faulkner	Elliana Byler	Pam Ritchey	Bertha Penepacker
Jim Marthouse	Laura Baggus	Leevi Fultz	Jon Helfrick
Kathy Wilson	Richard & Pat Byler	Tom Bailey	Anne Marie Yoder
Scot Sechler	Sherwood & Barb Frankhouser		John Stroup
Cindy Coder	Shawna Horn		Kyung Sun Yim (Susie's mother)

Please pray for Seulki's (Susie's) visa application

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones in the past months especially the Clark Peachey family, family of Vicki Wyland, family of Carolyn Malone, Marge Laughlin family, Tom Kramm family.

All our community pastors and congregations, Big Valley Ministerium

Pray for those seeking safe sanctuary

Please pray for all those who are undergoing diagnosis, operations, and treatments.

Remember the transforming power of prayer as you pray for those on our prayer list and others facing challenges in our congregation and community this week.

Valley View Haven

Alice Long – Room 510

Valley View Terrace

Larry & Jean Ecklund A120

Doris Wilson – Room A110

Westminster Woods: Bill Rumbaugh – 360 Westminster Drive, Huntingdon, PA 16652
Ron Bailey, 109 Sycamore Way, Huntingdon, PA 16652

In the Military: Rob Westover, Dave Westover, Eric Kauffman, Shawn Seager, Michael Yutesler

Presbyterian Prayer Calendar

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Ministries provided through the Peace and Global Witness Grants
Missionaries, Junho Lee and Sunhee Cho

Responses from the questions that have been in the bulletin for the past few weeks:

How and where did you enjoy god's good creation this summer?

- I got to see the badlands in the Theodore Roosevelt National park in North Dakota
- Flowers blooming & birds singing, God's beauty all around us.
- Thunderstorms on back porch
- At the beach
- At the beach, seeing the sunrise – on clear nights seeing the moon come up
- At Ocean City, MD when we took 3 of our grandkids to the beach for the first time this summer. It was such a blessing to watch them enjoy God's creation of the beach and grandchildren
- Sitting out at night on the swing looking at the stars and moon, just gazing the sky
- Experiencing nature (God's creation) with family and friends. Watching children learn to live and love their family and experience what the Lord has given them. Reunions – sitting & talking with elders and learn more of their life experiences and feel how their lives touched mine. God is everywhere if we just take the time to recognize it and hold it close
- Coming back to church in this area
- Finding the church and returning to this church
- My drive up Daisy Lane seeing God's creation – strawberries, raspberries, flowers, apples, peaches
- I always enjoy seeing the full moon every month
- Beautiful sunsets and looking out at the valley
- Dad returning to church
- Seeing the power of the Lord supporting my special needs daughter
- Walking on Dry House Road in the morning
- When I saw it rain for the first time after 3 months. The beauty of the Alps.
- Our daughter, Heather and daughters and sons moved to Belleville – what a joy to have her so close to us
- Enjoying attending sporting events and spending time with family and friends. Seeing amazing sunsets and cloud formations.

Were you surprised by moments when it just felt God was speaking to you? Explain.

- Comfort of God keeping us in His hands
- Makes me feel small, my place in the universe
- I felt calm in nature
- When Tammy and the boys showed up from Virginia, when I didn't know they were up here

Bulletin Format and Sound Questions: (Check all that apply to you)

1) Is it easier for you to read a large print bulletin for following the service?

- YES, it is helpful for me to read large print
- NO, I don't need a large print bulletin

2) Is it useful for you to have the hymns in the bulletin?

- YES, It is sometimes difficult for me to lift or hold and turn pages in
the hymnal
- NO, Using the hymnal is fine with me

3) Do you prefer having the whole service printed in the bulletin?

- YES, I like to follow the words of the service
- NO, hearing most of the words is fine with me.

4) Where do you receive or read the bulletin? (Check all that apply)

- On the internet
- At Church for Sunday Services
- At home when it is delivered before or after the service

5) Would you appreciate having the service streamed when we are able to set that up? ____YES ____NO ____MAYBE

6) If you are not able to attend would you appreciate having a recording of the service? ____YES ____NO ____MAYBE

7) Do you use the radio and headphones to amplify the service, or do you think that would be useful for you?

____YES ____NO ____MAYBE

Comments on bulletin, print and sound: