

*West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church*  
Belleville, Pennsylvania



April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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**Congregation reads aloud text in BOLD**

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SILENT PRAYER:

Unifying God, your love leads us to be more forgiving and calls us to add to love the discipline to be a reconciling force in the world. When enemies taunt us, assure us of your presence as we seek patience and inner strength. Amid tensions caused by misunderstanding, suspicion, or lack of trust, send your Spirit of insight and hope. Help us make the first move toward those we have offended, forsaking our pride in seeking peace.

INTROIT: PH #322 *Spirit of the Living God*

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

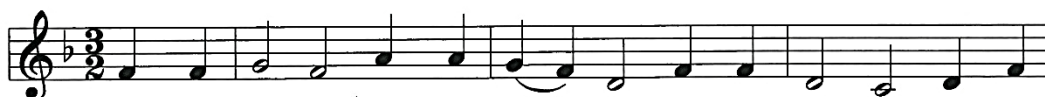
**for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**

We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

**opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

\* HYMN: #2128 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

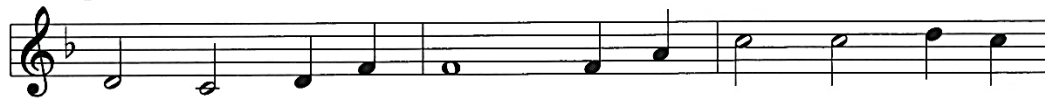
## 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we  
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the  
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the  
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our  
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the  
be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing space with - in our  
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray  
MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

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**\*CALL TO CONFESSION:**

When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are, and we are a people who have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God's goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** (from 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God! 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:**

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 4:7-21

**MESSAGE:** *Lilacs, Love and Leaps of Faith* Rev. Ela J. Robertson

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN: PH #83 Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High  
(verses 1, 5, 6)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (adapted from *Belonging to God:  
A First Catechism*)

**We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God's love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and important life events

**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.**

**Dear Ones, Children of God, Angels of Love surround you.  
Dear Ones, Children of God, Angels of Love surround you,  
Surround you, surround you, Surround you.**

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

SENDING

\*HYMN: #2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

2223 They'll Know We Are Christians  
by Our Love



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,  
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,  
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,  
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)  
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

ST. BRENDAN'S  
76.76.86 with Refrain

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

May you leave this place to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world, offering love and grace to all you meet. And may you be blessed by the triune God, Father, Son and Spirit. Amen.

\*SENDING SONG

2054                      Nothing Can Trouble  
(Nada Te Turbe)

Notation: Treble and Bass clefs, 4/4 time signature. The first system contains the first two lines of the song. The lyrics are: Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth-ing can fright - en. / Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.

Notation: Treble and Bass clefs, 4/4 time signature. The second system contains the third and fourth lines of the song. The lyrics are: Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. / *Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta.*

Notation: Treble and Bass clefs, 4/4 time signature. The third system contains the fifth and sixth lines of the song. The lyrics are: God a - lone fills us. / *So - lo Dios bas - ta.*

\*POSTLUDE:

Pei Jhen

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WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Ela J. Robertson

Organist: Pei Jhen (Jennie)

Lay Reader: Matt Waddell

Greeters: Ann Thompson and helpers

Offering helpers may be from the following: Penelope Carothers, Aidrian, Tammy Carothers and others.

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Credits: Liturgy written by Tara Bulger (*Presbyterian Outlook*, April 28, 2024.) Silent Prayer from Year B Fourth Sunday of Easter - *When we Gather, Revised Edition: A Book of Prayers for Worship*. James G. Kirk

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### UPCOMING:

May 2           **Tea Party**, Valley View Terrace Activities Room, 1:30 pm  
May 5           **Communion, Ascension, Cinco de Mayo**  
May 19          **Pentecost**  
July 21          **Service and Picnic at Greenwood Furnace**, 11:00 am

Call if you need a ride to Greenwood Furnace; we will arrange drop off at little parking area near the site and assistance to the site.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Thursday, May 2, at 1:30, there will be a Valley View Tea Party for Terrace, Haven and Village residents connected to Milroy, Reedsville, Belleville, Lewistown and other local Presbyterian churches. Members of the congregation who would like to attend to provide fellowship are welcome. Please let Pastor Ela know if you can be there.

**KRISLUND.** We are happy to have several young people in this area attending Krislund again this summer! Help children take advantage of this summer adventure and opportunity to build a budding relationship with God and the children of God.

Pastor Robertson will be at a conference and away May 8 - 14. On Sunday May 12 Matt Waddell will lead worship.

You may call the pastor (740 338-7123) or leave a message on the office phone (717 935-2337) to set up a time to visit or talk.

#### ◆Lay Reader Schedule◆

Sunday of Each Month:

First- Matt Waddell... Second- Bill Corbin... Third- Ann McNabb...

Fourth- Matt Waddell or other... Fifth- Brent Stoner



## JOYS and CONCERNS

Calvin Byler, Sally's son Scott, Elliana Byler, Anne Marie Yoder, Pam Ritchey, Levi Fultz, Cathy Drury, Hannah Faulkner, Jim Marthouse, Pat Byler, Kyung Sun Yim (Susie's mother), Bertha Penepacker, Jon Helfrick, Cindy Coder, Shawna Horn.

Please pray for Ron Bailey, who is recovering from heart surgery at The Oaks, Westminster Village.

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones especially Barb Young, Jeff and Jeri Young and family on the recent passing of Robert Young, the family of Laura Baggus.

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

Pray for those suffering mental challenges, loss of sense of self and self worth, depression, suicidal ideations and self harm, social isolation, debilitating anxiety and anger. Help us know how to help them.

Pray for learning and new life and God's guidance in children and young people.

Pray for our neighbors near and far. Pray that the tomb of death, war and violence be broken open by the peace Christ brings.

Pray for the safety and health of our Big Valley community.

### **Valley View Haven, Valley View Terrace**

Alice Long, Larry & Jean Ecklund, Edie Meachum, Al Schutz, Barb Young

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

**In the Military and Service:** Rob Westover, Eric Kauffman, Shawn Seager, Michael Yutesle, and all those not listed children, relatives and members of our congregation.

**Huntingdon Presbytery prayers for the upcoming week:** Hollidaysburg Congregation (Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith, Pastor), Joel Blunk, Bob Hicks, Al Wilson, Lee McCardle, Jeanette Mater, Robert Zorn