

West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Belleville, Pennsylvania



July 28, 2024
10:00 am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PRAYER:

Every soul, seeing God in her own way, doubtless communicates that unique vision to all the rest. That, says an old author, is why the Seraphim in Isaiah's vision are crying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy' to one another (Isaiah VI, 3). The more we thus share the Heavenly Bread between us, the more we shall all have (*C.S. Lewis' Little Book of Wisdom: Meditations on Faith, Life, Love, and Literature*).

Prayer: God without limits, help us see each one made in your image as holy and in doing so increase the bounty of your holiness among us. AMEN

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 145:10-18)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

The Lord upholds all who are falling

and raises up all who are bowed down.

You open your hand,

satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just and kind,

The Lord is near to all who call on God

*HYMN: PH #306 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own. 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.

***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:

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us in this day and time of our lives. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

SCRIPTURE:

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

GOSPEL READING: John 6: 1-21

MESSAGE: *Perhaps Math is not God’s Favorite Subject*

Rev. Ela J. Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN/SONG: *Turn! Turn! Turn!* (To Everything There is a Season)
Adaptation and Music by Pete Seeger
Words from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Chorus: To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose under Heaven

1. A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep
Chorus

2. A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones
A time to gather stones together
Chorus

3. A time of love, a time of hate
A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace
A time to refrain from embracing
Chorus

4. A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rain, a time of sow
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late
Chorus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and

Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.**

OTHER 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

*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:

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

SENDING

*HYMN: PH #368 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SENDING SONG: *Happy Day Express*

We're going to a mansion on the Happy Day express,
The letters on the engine are J-E-S-U-S
The guard call 'All for heaven' we gladly answer Yes!
We're going to a mansion on the Happy Day express.

You're welcome all ye people, on the Happy Day express
The way to come is just to trust in J-E-S-U-S
So hear the call from heaven, and gladly answer 'Yes!'
Come with us all ye people, On the Happy Day Express

*POSTLUDE

Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Ela J. Robertson

Lay Reader: Matt Waddell

Greeters: Ann Thompson and helpers

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

Credits:

Liturgy written by Roger Gench (*Presbyterian Outlook*, July 28, 2024)

Scripture: Priests for Equality, *The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*.

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. (2009) Kindle Edition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

Each service during the summer will feature favorite hymns and/or uplifting folk & secular songs. If you have a favorite let Laura* or Pastor Ela know.

*You can reach Laura via westkish@gmail.com

August 4 **Communion**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Larry and Jean Ecklund will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday August 1! Please sign the card for them.
- Great appreciation to all who helped plan, prepare and cook for our picnic – especially Tammy Carothers, Bonnie and Bob Pressler, Donna Green and the ‘peaches crew.’ Thanks to all who attended, bringing and enjoying food and fellowship and to all the young people in the worship crew leading “Deep and Wide.”
- 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 Schedules ∞

Sunday of Each Month: First- Matt Waddell... Second- Bill Corbin... Third- Ann McNabb... Fourth- Matt Waddell or other... Fifth- Brent Stoner

JOYS and CONCERNS

Prayers for the Friends and Family of Anna Marie Yoder who passed into the arms of God on Sunday afternoon, July 21.

Linn Irvin and extended family of Alice Long who passed into the arms of God July 2.

Paul Kauffman that he has strong and speedy recovery from surgery; John Stroup back home and John’s son and family – JD, Alicia and the girls as they get settled in Belleville. Ron Bailey, who is recovering from heart surgery at home now regaining strength and looks forward to being back at church.

Bob Glick, Calvin Byler, Sally's son Scott, Elliana Byler, Anne Marie Yoder, Pam Ritchey, Levi Fultz, Cathy Drury, Hannah Faulkner, Jim Marthouse, Pat Byler, Jon Helfrick, Cindy Coder, Shawna Horn.

Pray for graduates as they complete their studies and forge new paths of purpose and possibilities. Adie Leason for a mind opening summer program at N.A.S.A.

Pray for teachers and retired teachers; Pray for learning, leading and God's guidance in children and all people young and old.

Pray for our country and an understanding of the freedom and responsibilities God gives us.

Pray for those traveling this summer that they may arrive and return safely.

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 our neighbors near and far. Pray that death, war and violence be healed by the peace Christ brings.

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

Valley View Haven, Valley View Terrace: Larry & Jean Ecklund, Edie Meachum, Al Schutz, Barb Young

Westminster Woods: Bill Rumbaugh – 360 Westminster Drive, Huntingdon, PA 16652 . 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: Silaphat Congregation, Local church staff and volunteers, Joel Blunk, Bob Hicks, Lee McCardle, Pauli Belfiore, Janet Kephart, Stan Howes, Tina Howes, Pat Papp

