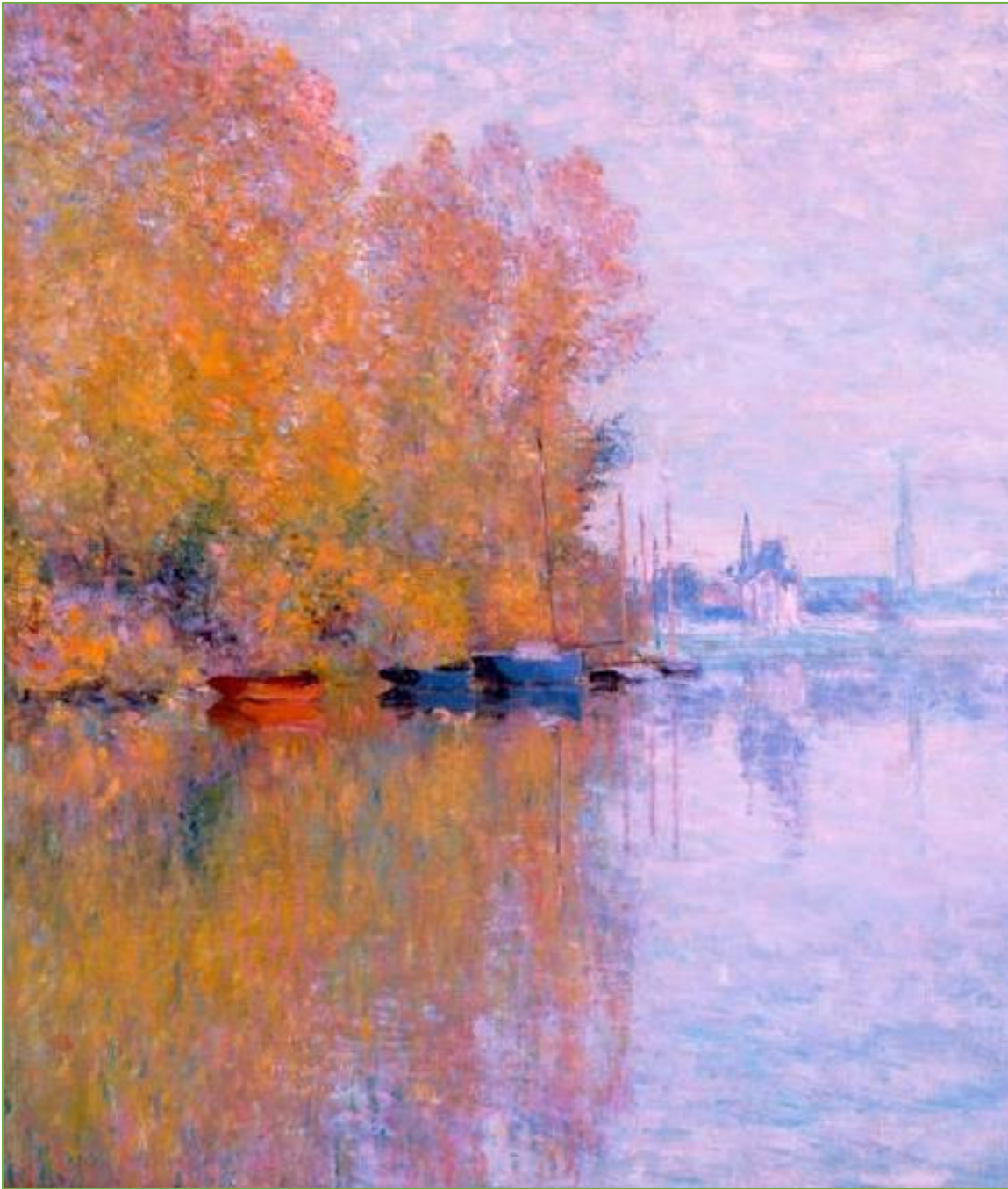


East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church  
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



October 13, 2024, 11:15 am  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Congregation reads text in BOLD**

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT: Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downward; give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 136:1-3)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let us worship God!

\*HYMN: PH #139 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Trusting in God's gracious mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and our neighbors. Let us pray.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (based on 1 Timothy 1:15)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
**that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

Children of God, hear and believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*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: Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

MESSAGE: *Trusting* Elder Gail Wagner, CLP

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN: PH #210 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from A Declaration of Faith)

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.**

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 (based on 2 Corinthians 9:12)

\*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: PH #477      *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

October 20      **Guest Speaker:** Matt Waddell, CLP  
October 27      **Reformation Sunday.**  
November 6      **Session Meeting** in the manse, at 6:30  
November 10      **Guest Speaker:** Gail Wagner, CLP

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Emergency Pastoral Care** while Pastor Robertson is away will be covered by Rev. Graham Fowler. He has requested that rather than calling him directly, CLPs Gail Wagner and Matt Waddell act as liaisons regarding any situations that call for his attention. Please contact Gail at (717) 348-1059 or (717) 667-6526 with any concerns.

There will be a **Reformation Recital at St. John's Lutheran Church**, Lewistown, Sunday October 27 at 3pm. Lisa Griffith, Pastor Ela and many others will be performing.

**Adult Sunday School** meets at 10:15, each Sunday, in the Parlor.

**Dave Adams** is now in Room 409A at Valley View. He misses home. It would be wonderful for some people to drop in and visit while the pastor is away. Morning is the best time to visit

Our Town Big Valley, which had Pastor Ela and about 10 other members of West Kish participating, just won the Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for WPSU!

Blessing Box: **October is restocking month** of the items most used: including cereal and instant oatmeal, canned fruit, canned pasta, pancake mix and syrup, soup and peanut butter. Thank you for continuing to support the blessings box.

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Worship Leader: Elder Gail Wagner, CLP

Musician: Bill Peightel

Usher: Carol Lockard