

This Week's Resources for further study...

*Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?"*

Read again John 14:1-14

The disciples were learning how to "read" Jesus. They don't yet understand Jesus' relationship to God. We can read Jesus' life as the very model of God and gain greater insight into what God is like. I love this list written by Katherine E. Amos:

- The Father's love for us is unyielding, magnificent, continual, unconditional, and beyond our knowledge and understanding.
- The Father accepts us as and where we are in life rather than expecting us to be what we are not.
- The Father wants a close relationship with his sons and daughters and has given us that status. We are in the family of God.
- The Father considers all of creation good, sacred, and important.
- The Father wants us to be healthy and mature persons in mind, body, heart and soul.
- The Father is a living spirit who has chosen to dwell with us in our earthly life.
- The Father provides for our needs and encourages physical, mental, emotional and spiritual growth.
- The Father will go to any lengths, including the death of his Son, to convince us of his great love for us.
- The Father has provided the Holy Spirit to be active in our lives as a counselor, companion, advocate, and guide.
- The Father is just and gracious, loving us all equally.
- The Father rushes to meet us as we return to him and forgives us of our failures.
- It is the Father's intent that we should all be his children and live with him in this world and the next."

List source: Katherine E. Amos; *Feasting on the Gospels John Vol 2*

Prayer of the Week:

Dear God, I want to know you better. Knowing you better will lead to insights about myself. Lead me to be open to the love and guidance of the Spirit. Allow me to use the power Jesus has promised to partner with you and do the work you planned for us to accomplish in this world together. I ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

Penns Valley Charge of the United Methodist Church
Worship Service for Sunday, May 10, 2020

The Building Blocks OF FAITH

THE BASIC, POSITIVE PRINCIPLES FOR FAITH



"Asking Questions"

Join us starting at 9:30am for our 9:45am worship via GoogleMeet.

Worship Online: meet.google.com/ffu-surb-ugf

OR go directly to **PennsValleyParish.info**, click today's worship service link under *This Just In...* and click the link to join.

Worship by phone: 1-413-489-4174 PIN: 245 964 625#

To mute or unmute phone use *6 (star six)

Let Pastor Theresa know by Saturday if you want to receive a call Sunday morning from worship, rather than calling in.

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Faith UMC, Spring Mills - St. James UMC, Coburn

Sprucetown UMC, Spring Mills - Trinity UMC, Woodward

The "church" is not closed. We are "deployed"! Ministry continues! Amen!

Please support your local church. Thank you.

Our mission is to be used by God to serve and strengthen each other as we seek to transform the world.

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..." - Ephesians 4:11-12

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

L: This is the light of Christ. **P: Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Even though Jesus was rejected by some people, you are invited to come to him in trust and hope.

P: Lord, guide us and give us courageous faith.

L: For he is the cornerstone, and this church will stand faithfully as a house of praise and service because of his love.

P: We are not afraid. We are given a mandate to serve with joy and peace. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN Standing on the Promises

Insert

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Peter in Prison [A children's activity packet and link to this week's video is online at PennsValleyParish.info]

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer and **The Lord's Prayer** (*"trespass"*)

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

The Case for Easter Online/Phone In Study will be held Wednesday nights starting at 7pm, lines open at 6:45pm. Have your coffee and snack ready when you log in or call in. If you're a little late calling, no big whoop. A Bible, pen and paper may be helpful, but not required.

Week 1 Apr. 22: Evidence for the Resurrection

Week 2 Apr. 29: An Excruciating Execution

Week 3 May 6: The Case for the Empty Tomb

Week 4 May 13: Eyewitnesses to the Resurrection

Join Hangouts Meet online: meet.google.com/pdi-fmmtt-uey
Or phone in to 1-316-835-0758 PIN: 711 331 973#

Mark Your Calendar!

(All events are subject to change without prior notice):

MAY

May 12 - Sprucetown UMC Ad Board Meeting 7pm

May 13 - *The Case for Easter* Online/Phone Study - Week 4, 7pm

May 17 - Message: Sharing Our Faith

May 24 - Message: Seeking Guidance Together

May 31 - **Pentecost** - What is Pentecost? It is the day we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others in Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Christian Church. Come ready to celebrate! It's a party, after all! Birthday hats, balloons, and the like is encouraged!

JUNE - Our Summer Series, "Family Reunion", Begins!

June 7 - Trinity Sunday, Holy Communion, Message: God's Perfect Family

June 14 - Message: God Chooses and Imperfect Family

June 21 - Message: A Painful Shortcut

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing, lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

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WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
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L: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

P: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

L: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

P: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

L: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

P: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

L: Let your face shine upon your servant;

P: save me in your steadfast love.

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 7:55-60 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

GOSPEL READING John 14:1-14

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE How Can We Know the Way?

CLOSING HYMN Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

Insert

COMMISSION & BLESSING

Thank you for joining us today! Next week: "Sharing Our Faith"

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.