Order of Worship for March 20, 2022 – 3rd Sunday in Lent We're Moving! For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Word and offer praise and worship as we strengthen each other for outreach beyond the church walls. Theresa M. Heiser, Pastor Visit the charge site at Penns ValleyParish.info Listen to the message 24/7 at 814-422-6238. Visit PennsValleyParish.info for more details!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lent study continues Wednesday 1pm at Trinity Woodward UMC and 6:30pm online.
You can join any time, even if you haven't read the book. Register for the 6:30pm online session at PennsValleyParish.info. No registration is required for the in person study.

- The East Penns Valley Ministrium's March 16, Midweek Lent Service on the Beatitudes is hosted by Brush Valley United Methodist Church in Madisonburg and will be online after the fact at rebersburgchargeucc.org

- Centre Hall Community Midweek Lent Service is hosted at Trinity UCC, Centre Hall at 7pm.

- Ladies Coffee and Conversation meets Thursday starting at 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn.

- The next Youth Pizza Study for grades 6-12 is Sunday, March 20th from 5-6:30pm at St. James

UMC, Coburn. This month's study is Focus on Jesus...The Crowd Can't Be Trusted.

CENTERING WORDS Instead of gazing at the grass on the other side of the fence, Jesus brings us back to focus on realities that will bring change and growth in our own backyard.

† SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have come here today to learn about what God expects of us.

P: Sometimes we really don't want to know what God wants. We are afraid to make the commitments God seeks.

L: God is persistent. God will not let us off the hook so easily.

P: But we have failed so many times in the past. How can we possibly serve now?

L: Open your hearts to receive forgiveness and healing. Listen to God. Be ready to work with God for hope, peace, justice, and love.

P: Be with us, Lord. Help us to turn around, to see you, to serve you, to witness to your Love.

† OPENING PRAYER

Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought UMH #128

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS - 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Bearing Good Fruit

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-9 // Luke 13:1-9

MESSAGE God Moves...Over the Fence

† CLOSING HYMN God Be with You till We Meet Again UMH #672

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Next week God Moves...down the Road. God is always running to meet us, even when we have squandered his grace.

SAVE THE DATES:

April 14 – Maundy Thursday service will be hosted by St. James UMC, Coburn at 7pm April 17 – Easter Sunday service is at 10:30am, breakfast at 9:30am April 29 & 30 - Consider challenging yourself this year by exploring laity ministry. All disciples are called to make disciples and The Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course is your opportunity to join with others to discover God's purpose for you. This is a Friday night, all day Saturday event hosted at Grace Centre Hall. Cost is \$25 which includes the participant's guide, refreshments at both sessions and lunch on Saturday. Sign up at PennsValleyParish.info or talk to Pastor Theresa. The booklet must be read, and some preparatory work completed prior to the weekend.

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