

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

† You may rise in body or spirit where this symbol appears. L = Leader P = All people

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS We are witnesses to an amazing story of grace and hope. May we hear the story in a new way to share the risen Christ with the world.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

P: We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows, we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.

L: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

P: Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!

L: Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah! AMEN

† OPENING PRAYER

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH #302

† 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 I've Just Seen Jesus John 20:1-18

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 10:34-43

MESSAGE Sacrifice, Failure, and Joyful Obedience



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- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Sharing the Bread and Cup

† CLOSING HYMN He Lives #310

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

- The book of Acts is filled with stories about lay people empowered for service and the Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course is a wonderful way to discover God's purpose. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 20th. The course is April 29th 6:30-9pm and April 30th 9am-5pm at Grace Centre Hall. Cost is \$25 (scholarships available) which includes the participant's guide, refreshments at both sessions and your choice of box lunch from Kat's Katering for Saturday. Sign up at PennsValleyParish.info or talk to Pastor Theresa.

April 21 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation is open to all ladies, Thursday April 21st 9:30am at St. James UMC, in Coburn

April 25 - The Bishops' Gathering will be hosted at Mt. Nittany UMC 7pm. Our bishops will take questions and offer the latest information regarding the General Conference.

April 26 - Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC, Coburn

May 3 - Sprucetown UMC Ad Board and Trustees Meeting at 7pm. All are welcome!

May 4 - St. James UMC Trustees Meeting 6:30pm, Ad Board at 7pm. All are welcome!

May 5 - National Day of Prayer is May 5th. Pick up an official prayer pamphlet today.

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May 5 - 2nd Quarter Meeting of the PV Charge SPRC 7pm at Trinity UMC, Woodward

May 14 - Spring Cleaning Day at St. James UMC, Coburn, starting at 8am

May 16 - Trinity UMC Ad Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm. All are welcome!

May 22 - Penns Valley Cluster Pulpit Swap; Pastor Deb Dailey fills the pulpit as Pastor Theresa visits Faith UMC, Spring Mills at 8:30am and Brush Valley UMC in Madisonburg at 10am.

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