

Order of Worship for Sunday, April 24, 2022 – Live No Lies Series

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For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Word and offer praise and worship, strengthening each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS As we begin to recognize the false beliefs and inaccurate assumptions that have infiltrated our thinking, we must trust God to reveal his truth.

† SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.

P: How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!

L: How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.

P: Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him. AMEN.

† OPENING PRAYER

Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Sweet, Sweet Spirit UMH #334

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 Believe It, Or Not

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 16:25-33, Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Timothy 6:12

MESSAGE Reclaiming Your Peace: The Struggle is Real Pastor Theresa

† CLOSING HYMN Blessed Assurance UMH #369

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next week's message in our "Live No Lies" series is "The TRUTH About Lies". Jesus said, "The truth will set you free." He proved it in the desert shooting down Satan's lies with Scriptural truth. When we believe truth that correspond to reality as expressed in God's Word, we show up to the world in a way that causes us to flourish and thrive. The series is inspired by *Live No Lies* by John Mark Comer.

- Our Bishops invite all to the **Bishops' Gathering April 25th** at 7pm at Mt. Nittany UMC, 1500 Branch Road, State College. They will lead us in worship, share about themselves and the conferences they lead, and give an update regarding the 2024 General Conference. There will be a time for Q&A. Note cards for questions will be provided. A recording of the event will be made available online later.

- Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC, Coburn. Contact: Paula Smith

- Sprucetown's Ad Council and Trustees meet May 3rd at 7pm. All are welcome.

- St. James' Trustees meet May 4th at 6:30pm followed by the Ad Board meeting at 7pm. All are welcome.

- May 5th is the National Day of Prayer. A prayer pamphlet is available near the bulletins.

- May 5th is the next Ladies Coffee and Conversation hosted by St. James UMC, Coburn at 9:30am. Ladies in the valley are welcome to chat and enjoy coffee and treats.

- May 5th is the 2nd quarter PV Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting 7pm at Trinity UMC, Woodward.

- St. James' Spring Clean Up day is May 14th starting at 8am. Refreshments and coffee provided!

- May 16th is Trinity's Trustees and Ad Board Meeting starting at 7pm. All are welcome.

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