

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 29, 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Easter
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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 Sometimes those who seem free are truly enslaved, and those who seem to be in chains are truly liberated.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Why do you look upward?

P: Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.

L: Look around you. What do you see?

P: There are so many places where the love of God is needed.

L: Look beyond you. Where will you go?

P: Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God’s healing love to all. AMEN.

† OPENING PRAYER

Astounding God, we come before you this day as witnesses to Christ’s ascension from this realm to the heavenly kingdom. We stand in awe and wonder at what we hear and see. Open the eyes of our hearts to see the power and truth of your words. Give us courage and joy that we might be witnesses to your eternal love through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN God Will Take Care of You UMH #130

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 We Are One John 17:20-26

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord’s Prayer “trespass”)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 // Acts 16:16-34

MESSAGE An Ironic Escape

† CLOSING HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH #133

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 2nd all Ladies are invited to Ladies Coffee and Conversation 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn
- June 7th meet Pastor Theresa for coffee at The Express in Centre Hall at 11am.
- June 8-14 Pastor Theresa will be on vacation. Pastor Deb Dailey will be available for urgent pastoral care by calling 570-541-9074. Storyteller and Certified Lay Speaker Bob Booz will fill the pulpit Sunday, June 12.
- June 16th all Ladies are invited to Ladies Coffee and Conversation 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn
- June 28 – State College District presents Listening Sessions – Many of our churches have discovered during Mission InSite studies, we often make assumptions about how to best serve our communities without asking first! As the District is formulating strategic plans, we don't want to assume we know what our clergy and your churches need. We want to listen to you to plan how we can best serve you and help you in your mission. This is your opportunity to offer input and help strategically plan as together we strive to effectively make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of lives and the world. Your Conference Superintendent, the District Leadership Team and District Lay Ministry Team will use your responses to strategically plan for best practices for supporting, equipping, and resourcing our clergy and churches. Pastor Theresa asks that you prayerfully consider investing in our church with your attendance. Our Listening Session is June 28, 2022 – 6:30 pm -State College & Penns Valley Clusters at Park Forest Village.

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