

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday - Emerging Heroes: Hero Gifts Activation

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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 Christians around the world gather this day to share holy communion as one body – a body united in the love and mercy of Christ. We gather with them, rejoicing in our unity in Christ.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus that we might understand God's love.

**P: Yet we turned our backs on him and went our own way.**

L: God's loving presence continued in the disciples, bringing again the message of hope and reconciliation.

**P: Open our ears and our hearts, O Lord, to receive this message.**

L: Let the bread and the wine we receive today give us strength and courage to do God's will.

**P: Let our lives thus strengthened be a witness to God's eternal love for all God's people. AMEN.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We come together with a bountiful table set in the midst of struggle and strife. Help us to receive the elements of bread and wine for the nourishment of our souls and for the strengthening of our witness to your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH #420

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 Exercising Your Faith Based on Luke 17:5-6

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Mark 16:14-20

MESSAGE Hero Gifts Activation

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH p. 12

† CLOSING HYMN The Church of Christ, in Every Age UMH #589

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

- October 4 – Pastor attends District Retreat for Clergy at Wesley Forest
- October 4 – Grief Works meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 6-8pm at Grace UMC, Centre Hall. All are welcome.
- October 4 – Sprucetown UMC's Ad Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm, all are welcome.
- October 6 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!
- October 6 – Halloween Open House at St. James, Coburn Planning Meeting 7pm, all are welcome!
- October 9 – Bring a covered dish for a Potluck Lunch following 11am worship at Sprucetown UMC!
- October 13 – Penns Valley Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally, Grange Fairgrounds 6:30pm, stop by St. James UMC's Soup Sale, proceeds benefit the Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Association.
- October 16 – Laity Sunday Commissioning Service
- October 20 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!
- October 23 – Penns Valley Cluster Pulpit Swap; Randy Muthersbaugh at Trinity, St. James and Sprucetown; Deb Dailey at Faith. Pastor Theresa visits Grace, Centre Hall.
- October 24 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter SPRC meeting 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn
- October 25 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC Contact: Paula Smith
- **October 26 - Our Charge Conference is now October 26 6:30pm hosted by Sprucetown UMC.** Full church members will attend to holy conferencing, led by our District Superintendent, to approve reports, officers and more. All are welcome. Full members may vote.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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