

Order of Worship Sunday, January 22, 2023

New Year, Same Promises: God's Promise of Ministry

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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.

CENTERING WORDS Where there is darkness, there is also light. Look for the light – places of love, joy, grace, and hope.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come seeking God,

P: the one who guides us and protects us.

L: People of God, there is nothing to fear,

P: for God dwells in our hearts.

L: Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

P: Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

† **OPENING PRAYER**

God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

† **HYMN** Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling UMH #348

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 Fishing for People Matthew 4:18-23

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 27:1, 4-9 // Matthew 4:12-23

MESSAGE God's Promise of Ministry

† CLOSING HYMN How Great Thou Art UMH #77

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
January 22 – Watch The Chosen episode 4: The Rock on Which it is Built at 6pm at St. James in Coburn. Youth Group for grades 7-12 will meet for Pizza Study at 5pm and dismiss at 5:55 to watch The Chosen. Don't forget you're the Chosen Study Guide! Links to watch the episodes on your own and a personal study guide are available on our website.

January 25 – Soup Kitchen at St. James Coburn is now the last Wednesday of the month.
Contact: Paula Smith for details.

February 2 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

February 5 – Watch The Chosen episode 5 The Wedding Gift 6pm at St. James in Coburn. Youth will meet for Pizza Study at 5pm dismissing at 5:55 to watch The Chosen.

February 12 – Sprucetown Church's Potluck Lunch follows 11am worship. Bring a covered dish to share. Our winter Ad Board and Trustees meeting follows lunch. All are welcome.

February 22 – March 29 Wednesdays 7-8pm – Online Lent Study: *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*. You are invited to join Pastor Theresa and a small group of friends Wednesday evenings during Lent to study an excellent book written by Louie Giglio. We will watch a video clip and discuss the book which expands on Jesus' battle with the devil in the desert and is a timely subject of study. More information is available at PennsValleyParish.info. The book is a recommended read even if you do not participate in the study.

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