

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 12, 2023
New Year, Same Promises: God's Promise of Freedom

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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 Surely God yearns, as any loving parent would, that we choose wisely. In this and every moment, let us bring joy to God's heart by choosing compassion for ourselves, our neighbors and all of God's creation.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

P: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

L: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

P: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

L: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

P: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

† OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us. Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. Amen.

† HYMN Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH #400

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 Forgiving and Forgiven Matthew 5:21-37

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:15-20 // Psalm 119:1-8 // Matthew 5:21-37

MESSAGE God's Promise of Freedom

† CLOSING HYMN Trust and Obey UMH #467

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
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 15 – Reminder to the PV Charge Auditors, the audit begins at 7pm at St. James in Coburn

February 16 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

February 22 – Soup Kitchen at St. James Coburn is now the last Wednesday of the month.

Contact: Paula Smith for details about how you may get involved.

February 22 – East PV Ministerium Lent Service: Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30pm at Grace UCC in Spring Mills (the church just down the lane from Faith UMC) with Pastor Craig Munnell presiding.

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.

March 1 - East PV Ministerium Lent Service at St. John's Lutheran, Millheim 7pm with Julie Holm presiding featuring the Parable of the Sower

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

March 5 – Youth Pizza Study at 5pm at St. James Coburn with the next The Chosen episode viewing at 6pm entitled "Indescribable Compassion". All are welcome!

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