

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

Heart-to-Heart Talks: The Truth Hurts

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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 The disciples' denial makes us ask: What happens when we fail Jesus?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The way has been prepared.

P: For the crowds it is the way of celebration.

L: For Jesus it is the way of completion

P: Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the Holy City.

L: Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

P: We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

† OPENING PRAYER

O Lord God, whose Son followed your will, both as Servant and Savior, and now rules in the hearts of those who accept him as King: Open our hearts to his rule, that we may rejoice in the blessings of his kingdom and share with those who honor him with their lives. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, the Little Children Sang UMH #278

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 The King Is Coming (Matthew 21:1-11)

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11 // Matthew 26:14-35

MESSAGE The Truth Hurts

Matthew 26:35 Peter said to him, "Even though I just die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

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† HYMN All Glory, Laud and Honor UMH #280

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
- **Deadline to register is April 5th! April 14 & 15 – Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course;** Learn about the history of the Methodist Church, various ministries and lay ministries, spiritual practices and more. This course is for anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the church and their place in it. There is a participant's guide that should be read prior to the class. We will meet Friday night at Grace Church in Centre Hall from 6:30-9pm and Saturday 9am-5pm with lunch included. The class costs \$28 and includes the booklet to be mailed to you and a box lunch Saturday. Register online at PennsValleyParish.info or see Pastor Theresa. If the fee is a hardship, there are scholarships available! Ask the pastor.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday – Watch The Chosen “Invitations” episode tonight at 6pm at St. James in Coburn. (This is a change of date, originally scheduled for April 23rd.)
- April 6 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!
- Maundy Thursday Service at St. James in Coburn 7pm, part of the East PV Ministerium's Lent services. Offering benefit equally the PV Youth Center, Salem Food Pantry and World Central Kitchen, please make checks payable to EPVM or East Penns Valley Ministerium).
- East PV Ministerium Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Christ UCC, Madisonburg 7pm.
- Bring family and friends for Easter Sunday service! 6:30am Sunrise Service at Trinity UMC with breakfast following, 7:30am Sunrise Service at Faith UMC, Spring Mills, 8:30am Resurrection Service at St. James UMC, Coburn and Resurrection Service at 10:30am, (breakfast at 9:30am) at Sprucetown UMC. All are welcome!

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