

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, March 26, 2023 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Heart-to-Heart Talks: Too Little, Too Late?

Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info

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 Lazarus' death raises the question: Where is Jesus when things go wrong?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus had confidence in life after death. That confidence can be ours.

P: The grief felt at Lazarus' death was overcome by the reassurance of Jesus.

L: He said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

P: In raising Lazarus, Jesus demonstrated that death is not beyond the hope found in resurrection.

L: We are strengthened in our faith by the mighty acts of Jesus.

P: We are given courage and confidence by the power of God to overcome our worst fears.

† OPENING PRAYER

Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Are Ye Able UMH #530

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 Let the Children Come Mark 10:2-16

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 11:1-45

MESSAGE Too Little, Too Late?

† CLOSING HYMN This Is a Day of New Beginnings UMH #383 v. 1-4

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

- **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. Registration and payment are due April 5th. Register online at PennsValleyParish.info or see Pastor Theresa. If the fee is a hardship, there are scholarships available! Ask the pastor.

- March 28 – Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Assn meeting open to all interested folks 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn.

- March 29 – Soup Kitchen ministry at St. James UMC, for information contact Paula Smith

- March 29 – East PV Ministerium Lent Service: Waiting and Rising, Luke 13:20-21 hosted by Salem Lutheran, Aaronsburg with Teresa Hockenberry presiding.

- April 4 – Sprucetown Ad Council will meet at 7pm

- April 6 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

- Maundy Thursday Service with Communion April 6 hosted by St. James UMC in Coburn at 7pm, this is part of the East PV Ministerium Lent services series. All are welcome.

- Bring family and friends for Easter Sunday service! 6:30am Sunrise Service at Trinity UMC, 8:30am Resurrection Service at St. James UMC, Coburn and 10:30am Resurrection Service at Sprucetown UMC.

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