

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, April 16, 2023 “Whoever Believes”
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 After the worst week of your life, do you believe Jesus’ words, “In the world, you have tribulation. Be of good cheer, I’ve overcome the world”?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.

P: That’s true. Too often we are skeptical about positive happenings.

L: We’re like Jesus’ disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

P: Actually, we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.

L: That’s just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

P: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.

† OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives. As we gather this morning we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Up From the Grave He Arose UMH #322

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 Moses Gets Water From a Rock Exodus 17:5-6

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord’s Prayer “trespass”)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 2:14a, 22-32 // John 20:19-31

MESSAGE Whoever Believes

† HYMN Hymn of Promise UMH #707

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
Learning Opportunity! Fresh Expressions for Pastors and Churches is a workshop geared toward churches who seek to create new places for new people. We need to move beyond attractional models for doing church. Join us to be challenged to create something new that IS "church" in your community. This workshop will provide both creative and practical ways to get outside the four walls to be the church where the people are! Rev. Dr. Kathleen Kind will share about Fresh Expressions on May 6, 2023, Pleasant Gap 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. A small fee of \$5 per person or \$20 for a team of five will be asked to help with the luncheon. Please email statecollege@susumc.org for your registration by April 24 –include any dietary restrictions. Please send your payment to the State College District Ministerium at 1200 Haymaker Rd, State College, PA 16801.

Questions? See Pastor Theresa.

April 20 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation is a gathering open to all ladies in the valley starting at 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. Come and have a wonderful time with us!

April 26 – Soup Kitchen ministry will be held at St. James. Contact Paula Smith for details.

May 2 – Sprucetown’s Ad Council and Trustees will meet at 7pm. Please join us.

May 3 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Ad Council at 7pm. Please join us.

May 4 – National Day of Prayer – Materials will be available at church the Sunday prior and St. James’ sanctuary will be available for those who wish to pray 8am-7:30pm.

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May 7 – Watch the last episode of season 1 of The Chosen: I Am He starting 6pm at St. James in Coburn. This will be the last Youth Pizza Study (for grades 7-12) of the school year, starts at 5pm.

May 10 – Trinity Trustees and Ad Board will meet at 7pm. You are invited to join us.

May 12 – Sing a Happy Welcome to Spring hymn sing is 2pm at St. James UMC with John Abbott accompanying. ALL are welcome! Sponsored by the East Penns Valley Red Hats.

May 17-20 – Susquehanna Annual Conference, Special Session is the 17th, Annual Conference 18-20. More information is available at SusUMC.org

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