

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Spirituality Series: Communal Spirituality - "WE Matter"

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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** We take the necessary risk to trust the Good Shepherd and one another in the body of Christ.

**SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Can you hear the voice of God?

**P: We hear God calling us by name.**

L: Are you troubled or distressed?

**P: We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.**

L: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

**P: We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**We are standing at the gate, o loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice, we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. AMEN.**

**OPENING HYMN** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH #381

**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 New Community Acts 2:42-47

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

**SELECTED SCRIPTURE** John 10:1-10 // 1 Peter 2:19-25 // Acts 2:42-47

**MESSAGE** WE Matter: Building the Community of Christ

1. How is it with your soul?
2. Where have the challenges been?
3. Where have the joys been?
4. What would you like to be held accountable for?

† HYMN Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH #557

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COMMUNAL SPIRITUALITY: “WE MATTER” Daily Challenge for this week:

Each day, focus on what Acts 2:42-47 teaches about Communal Spirituality. Are you willing?

42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and [a]to prayer.

43 [b]Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and [c]signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 And all those who had believed [d]were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread [e]from house to house, they were taking their [f]meals together with gladness and [g]sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding [h]to their number day by day those who were being saved.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

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 Board at 7pm. All are invited.

May 4 – National Day of Prayer – Materials will be available at church the Sunday before.

May 4 - 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!

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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter PV Charge SPRC meeting 7pm at Sprucetown UMC.

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 13 – Spring Cleaning at St. James starting at 9am. Come help us tidy up inside and outside.

May 15 – Trinity Trustees and Ad Board meeting at 7pm. All are invited.

May 17-20 – Susquehanna Annual Conference, Special Session is the 17th, Annual Conference 18-20. Pray for the holy conferencing. More information is available at [SusUMC.org](http://SusUMC.org)

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