

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 9, 2023

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

Our Mission: For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.

We study God's Word and offer praise and worship to be strengthened and equipped for outreach beyond the church walls.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Run from fear and darkness! Hope is on the move!

P: Run to tell the world, Christ is risen!

L: Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death!

P: We can proclaim with great confidence that God's love rules.

L: Christ is risen!

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! AMEN

† OPENING PRAYER

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today v. 1-3 #302

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 What Color Is Easter? Based on John 20:11-18

PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18

MESSAGE Heart-to-Heart Talks: Spread the Word

HYMN Easter People, Raise Your Voices #304

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† CLOSING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today v. 4-6 #302

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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 11 – Historical Paradise Church Cemetery Association will meet 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn, the public is welcome to attend.
- April 20 – Ladies in Penns Valley are invited to get together at the Ladies Coffee and Conversation 9:30am at St. James UMC in Coburn. All are welcome.
- April 26 – Soup Kitchen will be held at St. James UMC. For information contact Paula Smith.
- May 2 – Sprucetown UMC Ad Council and Trustees Meeting 7pm, all are invited.
- May 3 – St. James UMC Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Ad Board at 7pm, all are invited.
- May 4 – National Day of Prayer. Resources will be available the Sunday prior for any who would like to set apart time to pray. St. James UMC in Coburn will be open 8am-7:30pm for any who wish to pray.
- May 7 – Watch the last episode of season 1 of The Chosen “I Am He” 6pm at St. James UMC, Coburn. Final Youth Pizza Study of the school year begins at 5pm.
- May 10 – The 2nd Quarter PV Charge Staff Parish Relations Comm. meeting 7pm at Sprucetown UMC.
- May 12 – Sing a Happy Welcome to Spring, a hymn sing, will be hosted at St. James UMC, Coburn starting at 2pm. Sponsored by the Red Hats of East Penns Valley. Open to all! Join us!
- May 13 – Spring Cleaning at St. James UMC begins at 9am. Many hands make light the work. Join us!
- May 15 – Trinity UMC Ad Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm, all are invited.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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