

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, May 14, 2023 Happy Mother's Day!
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 God calls and welcomes all of humanity. We who claim love for Christ are called to extend welcome through word and action to all, everywhere.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How shall we love the Lord our God who has poured out such love upon us?

P: We shall love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and spirit.

L: How shall we demonstrate that love.

P: We shall live that love in all that we do, think, and say.

L: Let our love be genuine and holy.

P: Praise be to God who has loved us totally.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN Be Still, My Soul UMH #534

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 Mother's Day Proverbs 31:25-31

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 14:15-21 // Acts 17:22-31 // 1 Peter 3:13-22

MESSAGE Can We Be Like Jesus?

† RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: As we have sensed God's presence this day,

P: we prepare to bring God's presence to the world.

L: As God, our companion, walks with us,

P: we prepare to walk as companions with others.

L: May God prepare our hearts and minds

P: to live these promises in the time before us.

† CLOSING HYMN Trust and Obey UMH #467

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THIS WEEK, BASED ON TODAY'S MESSAGE:

- Can you think of people who put themselves in harm's way or suffer in order to do something good for others?
 - What might motivate them to do this? Have you ever ended up suffering because of doing the right thing?
 - What do you think Peter means when he says, "Whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope..."? What reasons do you have to be hopeful?
 - How can we share the hope of Christ in our world without using words?
- Look at 1 Peter 3:9 (CEB): "Don't pay back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give blessing in return." Can you think of someone who lives this way? How could you be a person who lives this way?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
May 15 – Trinity Trustees and Ad Board meeting at 7pm. All are invited.

May 16 – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Vote!

May 16 – HPCCA Sandwich Sale Pickup at St. James UMC 1-6pm.

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

May 18 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at 9:30am St. James UMC, Coburn. All ladies welcome!

May 21 – Baccalaureate at Penns Valley High School Auditorium 7:30pm

May 31 – Soup Kitchen at St. James. Contact Paula Smith for details.

June 1-2 – Pastor Theresa is on vacation.

June 6 – Sprucetown Ad Council and Trustees Meeting 7pm

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