

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, May 21, 2023 Ascension Sunday
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

Jesus moved upward and disciples were compelled out into the world; a Jesus movement begins!

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We await God's instructions for our lives.

P: We eagerly look forward to learning more about ways to serve God.

L: The time is coming when our service will be needed here.

P: Let God's love flood through our service to others

L: Wait! Listen! The time is near!

P: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, to hear your word for us today. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of amazing visions, prepare our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your glad tidings of an Advocate. Help make us ready to be your disciples in all that we do, say, and think. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN O Come and Dwell in Me UMH #388

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 Up, Up and Away! Acts 1:1-11

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 17:1-11 // Acts 1:6-14 // 1 Peter 4:12-14

MESSAGE Mindset Inventories: Our Church & Me

Our Church has a ... Building Mindset – Church is a building for people to gather to worship.

-OR – **Mission Mindset** – Church is a group of people on mission in the world.

I have a ... Fixed Mindset – I have a fixed set of character traits and can't do much to change them.

- OR – **Growth Mindset** – I can continue to grow, improve, and change.

† RESPONSE TO THE WORD – Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed UMH #880

† CLOSING HYMN The Church of Christ, in Every Age UMH #589

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

NEXT WEEK: We celebrate the BIRTHDAY of our CHURCH on the Day of Pentecost!

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All are welcome.

June 1-2 – Pastor Theresa is on vacation.

June 4 – Communion Sunday

June 6 – Sprucetown Ad Council and Trustees Meeting 7pm

June 15 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All are welcome.

July 17-21- Pastor attending Course of Study

July 22-28 – Pastor is on vacation. Edie Hertzog fills the pulpit July 23.

JULY 30 – Penns Valley Charge Butterfly Release Worship & Picnic – We will come together at host church Trinity in Woodward for worship in the pavilion starting at 10:30am. Bring a lawn chair for comfy seating and a covered dish to share. Lemonade and water provided.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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