

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, May 7, 2023  
Spirituality Series: Visionary Spirituality - "YOU 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 The living stone and cornerstone of our faith, Jesus, is building us into spiritual houses and a holy priesthood.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Once we were not a people.

**P: Now we are God's people.**

L: Once we ate food that did not satisfy.

**P: Now we drink the spiritual milk of our Lord. Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, on this day, remind us that we are responsible for caring for each other. We are called to lift up rather than tear down; to support rather than abandon, to reach out when others have turned away. Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times, we may be a witness to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Christ for the World We Sing UMH #568

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 Jesus Is the Way John 14:1-14

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 14:1-14 // Acts 7:55-60 // 1 Peter 2:2-10

MESSAGE Visionary Spirituality (Being of Service) "You Matter"

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

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† HYMN Pass It On UMH #572

## † COMMISSION & BLESSING

VISUAL SPIRITUALITY: “YOU MATTER” Daily Challenge for this week:

Each day, focus on what 1 Peter 2:9-10. Jesus said he would build his church on living stones, starting with Peter. If Jesus is the cornerstone, how will you align yourself to be a builder, too? What does receiving mercy mean for you?

*9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

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

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)

May 18 - 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 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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