

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 1, 2023 World Communion Sunday

“Give An Answer” - What Would It Take to Change Your (Own) Mind?

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

For the transformation of the world, we study God’s Word in context to be equipped to live Jesus’ Way.

CENTERING WORDS “Everything in Scripture has the force of law. What it teaches we are to believe; what it commands, we are to do. We should take its wisdom to heart, imitate its heroes, laugh at its jokes, trust its promises, and sing its songs.” – John Frame

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus has called us here this day.

P: We are here, although for some of us it was not an easy choice

L: Often what we say and do are very different.

P: Help us follow God’s will, not with lip service, but with true humility.

L: Come, now is the time to worship.

P: Now is the time of healing, restoration, and hope.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come this day to worship with so many things on our hearts and minds. We are drawn away by problems and cares. Heal our spirits. Open our hearts. Help us be your disciples. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN A Charge to Keep I Have UMH #413

† 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS - PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord’s Prayer “trespass”)

HYMN Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me UMH #361

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Exodus 17:1-7 // Philippians 2:1-13 // Matthew 21:23-32

MESSAGE What Would It Take to Change Your (OWN) Mind?

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH pg 13

The Great Thanksgiving – The Lord’s Prayer (“trespass”) – Giving the Bread and the Cup

- L: The body of Christ, calling us to be children of God. **P: Amen.**
- L: The love of Christ poured out for us, calling us to love as we are loved. **P: Amen.**

† CLOSING HYMN Victory in Jesus UMH #370

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

Harvest Home Food Drive – Bring non-perishable food items to benefit the local food pantry through November 19th!

TODAY – You’re invited to the Fall Hayride & Picnic at Trinity in Woodward. Hayride begins at 3pm, picnic follows. Bring a covered dish to share. Beverages and table service provided.

October 3 – Sprucetown UMC’s Ad Council and Trustees Meeting 7pm, all are welcome.

October 5, 19 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All ladies welcome.

October 5, 12, 19, 26 – “The Secret Power of Kindness” Zoom book study 7pm. Details on our website.

October 8 – Trinity Woodward and St. James Coburn worship will be as part of the Dutch Fall Festival Community Worship Service 9:30am at Wert Park, Aaronsburg.

October 18 – Our Charge Conference is 7pm at Sprucetown UMC. Members, please attend.

October 22 – Edie Hertzog serves the pulpits of Trinity Woodward and St. James Coburn

October 22 – Sprucetown Church Homecoming and Luncheon, worship 11am, lunch following. Guest speaker is Georgene Searfoss, Robert Steiger’s family historic documents will be on exhibit. A new history of Sprucetown compilation will be available.

October 24 – 4th Quarter Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting 7pm at Trinity Woodward

October 25 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC, Coburn. Contact Paula Smith 814-880-6023.

November 1 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Administrative Board at 7pm. All invited.

November 4 – Fall Bazaar at Sprucetown UMC 9am-2pm, gently used items, crafts and more.

Homemade soup and baked goods will be available. Great items for Thanksgiving and Christmas!

November 12 – Monthly potluck lunch following worship at Sprucetown UMC

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