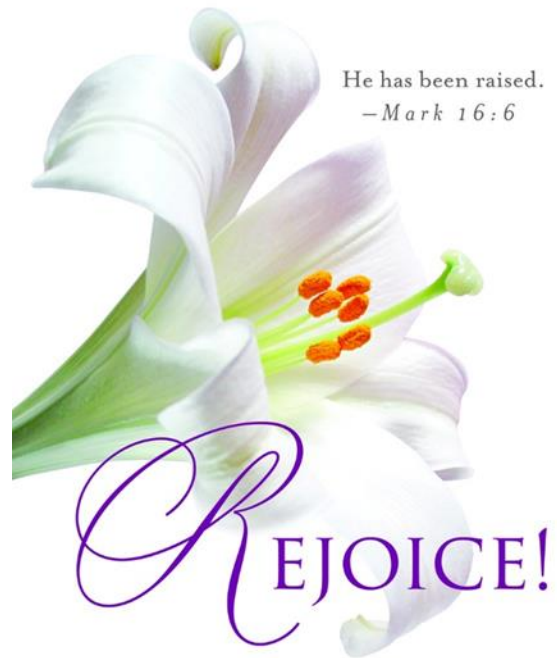


Order of Worship for Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday 2024, Year B
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For the transformation of the world, we study God's Word in context to be equipped to live Jesus' Way.

CENTERING WORDS Christ does not always appear in the ways that we think he should, but he is always present and he is always giving new life.



SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome! Run with us toward the place of sorrow!

P: Jesus is not there! Christ is risen!

L: Shout the good news!

P: Sing, praise God, for the promise has been fulfilled.

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Easter People, Raise Your Voices UMH #304

† 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER - Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION He Lives UMH #310

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-8 // Acts 10:34-43 // 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

MESSAGE Living in a Post-Resurrection World: HE'S Not Here

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† CLOSING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH #302

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

† CHORAL BENEDICTION Up from the Grave He Arose UMH #322

“Christ has no body on earth but ours!” – St. Theresa

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

April 2 – Sprucetown Ad Board/Trustees meeting 7pm

April 3 – 1st Wednesday Bible study at Sprucetown UMC 10am. Our 1st and 3rd Wednesday Bible studies are casual get togethers to read passages and discuss what they mean for us today. Some enjoy listening to the conversations. Others enjoy taking part in them. All are welcome.

April 4 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. All ladies welcome.

April 14 – Potluck Lunch following Worship at Sprucetown UMC. Last one until September!

April 17 – 3rd Wednesday Bible Study at St. James UMC, Coburn 10am. Our 1st and 3rd Wednesday Bible studies are casual get togethers to read passages and discuss what they mean for us today. Some enjoy listening to the conversations. Others enjoy taking part in them. All are welcome.

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

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