

Order of Worship for Sunday, April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter, Year B
Hear Pastor’s Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
For personal transformation, we study God’s Word to learn how we shall live, offer praise and worship
and strengthen each other. For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.

CENTERING WORDS Sharing a meal with a stranger is more important than understanding or
having the right answer.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE The Sanctuary Song *Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and
true. With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.* (sing twice)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Fear hung over the disciples as a dark cloud.

P: Huddled in the upper room, they spoke in soft whispers, afraid of the sound of their own voices.

L: Lightning flashed in their souls.

P: Christ, the Risen Lord, was standing with them, eating with them, talking with them.

L: Where doubt had reigned, hope now grew.

P: Where fear and panic had laid claim, faith was again planted.

L: Come, let us worship the God of great miracles.

P: Let us lift our voices in praise to God!

† OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us
to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring.
Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus’
Name, AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Marching to Zion UMH #733

† 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”)

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER (St. James Coburn)

HYMN OF PREPARATION Christ is Risen UMH #307

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 3:12-19 // 1 John 3:1-7 // Luke 24:36b-48

MESSAGE Living in a Post-Resurrection World: Got Fish?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: You are witnesses of God's love.

P: We are witnesses of God's love.

L: You are witnesses of Christ's life.

P: We are witnesses of God's life.

L: You are witnesses of the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: We are witnesses of life and love in the Spirit.

† CLOSING HYMN Pass It On UMH #572

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

Through May 26 - We are collecting items for Care Kits for Mission Central that will be delivered to the Annual Conference and dropped off and Mission Central kits assembled in the Grand Ballroom at the Genetti Hotel. We are collecting bath size bar soap (2.5oz and larger- no Dove, Ivory, or Lisa Brands) and adult toothbrushes (sealed in their individual packaging). The goal is to bring enough supplies to make 1000 kits so that as a Conference we can be a blessing to others.

April 16 – Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Association meeting 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn. Anyone who is interested in the care and improvement of Paradise Cemetery is welcome.

April 17 – 3rd Wednesday Bible Study at St. James UMC, Coburn 10am. All are welcome.

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

April 23 – May 3 – The General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in Charlotte, NC. There is a General Conference Guide available on our website that may answer questions about how the conference works, what will take place, and more. This is the only body that speaks for the UMC.

May 1 – 1st Wednesday Bible Study 10am hosted at Sprucetown UMC. All are welcome.

May 1 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm and Ad Board at 7pm. Members are welcome to attend.

May 2 – National Day of Prayer

May 2 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC, Coburn 9:30am. All ladies welcome.

May 7 – Sprucetown UMC Ad Council and Trustees meeting 7pm. Members are welcome to attend.

May 11 – Spring Cleaning at St. James UMC, Coburn 9am. Volunteers are needed inside and outside.

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