

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 12, 2024 – Ascension Sunday/Mothers Day, 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 Why stare at the heavens to find God? Look within, for God’s Spirit is there. Look around, for Christ’s disciples are all around.

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: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ’s return to God.

**P: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!**

L: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

**P: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God’s love to us.**

L: Let’s get to work!

**P: Let’s make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!**

† OPENING PRAYER

**O Lord, Easter had such an impact on our lives. We walked the by-ways with Jesus, ate with him and wept at the Crucifixion. Easter morn dawned brightly in our lives at the news of the Resurrection and we sang songs of great joy. Watch over us, gentle God, as we pray and work to do your will. Keep our hearts open to your loving word and ways. 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.***

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

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION Be Still, My Soul UMH #534

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 // 1 John 5:9-13 // John 17:6-19

MESSAGE Living in a Post-Resurrection World: The Ways of the World

† CLOSING HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised UMH #396

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

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

- The Susquehanna Conference delegation is hosting two post-General Conference webinars to share the most important takeaways from General Conference and answer questions that you may have. Zoom meetings will be offered Thu., May 16<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm and Tue, May 21 12-1pm. You must register to receive the webinar link and you will be able to submit questions and comments when you register. Go to [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info) and find the “Register for Webinar” link found under your church’s navigation. There you will find details and links to register for the session you want. You are encouraged to learn more about the General Conference at [susumc.org/gc](http://susumc.org/gc).

- We are collecting items for Care Kits for Mission Central personal care kits that will be assembled at Annual Conference. 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). Thank you for your donation!

- The Penns Valley Charge wide worship and picnic is Sunday, July 28th hosted at and with Fellowship Bible Church on Lower Georges Valley Road. Bring a lawn chair for worship at 10:30am and a covered dish to share for the potluck picnic that follows. This will take the place of our regular worship schedule this day. Please join us for a time of praise, worship, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ!.

May 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Bible Study hosted at St. James in Coburn 10-11:30am. All welcome!

May 16 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn 9:30am.

May 20 – Trinity Trustees and Ad Board meeting 7pm. All are welcome to the meeting.

May 22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting 7pm hosted at Spruettown. If you have any concerns about pastoral leadership in the church, speak to your church’s SPRC members.

May 29 – Soup kitchen at St. James in Coburn. Contact: Paula Smith

May 30 - June 1 – 2024 Susquehanna Annual Conference at The Arts Center in Williamsport.

Information, Conference Workbook and links to watch the sessions will be found at <https://susumc.org/annual-conference/>

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