

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 5, 2024 – Sixth 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 We are called to the greatest commandment: to abide in God’s love and
to love one another as God has loved us – not as servants, but as friends.

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: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

P: God’s love is poured in us from our birth.

L: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

P: God’s loved is taught to us through the witness of God’s faithful people.

L: We are called to proclaim God’s love in all that we say and do.

P: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God’s love be made known.

† OPENING PRAYER

**God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us – into our hearts, into our minds, and into
our souls. Let your presence speak within us – in the languages we speak, in the ways we live
and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that
you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH #158

† 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 In Christ There Is No East or West UMH #548

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 10:44-48 // 1 John 5:1-6 // John 15:9-17

MESSAGE Living in a Post-Resurrection World: True Friendship

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH p. 12

† CLOSING HYMN Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH #557

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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 covered dish to share and a lawn chair. Worship at 10:30am, picnic to follow. This will take the place of regular worship.

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

May 15 – 3rd 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 – 2nd Quarter Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting 7pm hosted at Sprucetown. 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/> Please be in prayer for our lay member to Annual Conference, Beth Brown, and the pastor as well as for the work of holy conferencing.

June 2-6 – Pastor Theresa will be on vacation. Rev. Sandy Kraft will be available for urgent pastoral care by calling 570-575-8225. Due to the pastor's vacation, this month's 1st Wednesday Bible Study is cancelled and will resume in July.

June 6 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn 9:30am.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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