

Sprucetown's Order of Worship for October 6, 2024 – Homecoming & World Communion Sunday

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.

† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see the cross

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: It's a great day to be here.

P: There are so many things we can do to serve the Lord.

L: Just listen for God's call to you. Let God guide your life.

P: We are willing to open our lives to God's service.

L: Come, let's worship and celebrate God's good news for us.

P: Let us bring our hopes and prayers to God with joy.

† OPENING PRAYER (*Please respond with "We give you thanks, O God" where you see R*)

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed in us in Christ your Son,

For your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation: **We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities: **R**

For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation: **R**

For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord;

For all who today lead in worship, witness and service: **R**

Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Forward Through the Ages UMH #555

† 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 - *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.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Mathew 22:34-40

MESSAGE This Church Will Always Be a Gift - Pastor Jim Jacobs, Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH pg. 12

Confession and Pardon – The Great Thanksgiving – Giving the Bread and Cup

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

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

Join us after worship for a roast turkey lunch with all the fixens! There's plenty for everyone!

SAVE THE DATE: November 10th we resume our 2nd Sunday Potluck Lunch after worship.

October 15 – Meet and greet with Bishop Hector 6:30-8pm at Faith UMC, Bellefonte

October 17 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation for all ladies 9:30am at St. James in Coburn

October 27 – Edie Hertzog serving the pulpit. Pastor Theresa on vacation Oct. 24-28 (updated).

October 29 – Our Church Conference, 6:30pm at Faith UMC, 107 Two Steeples Lane, Spring Mills.

December 24 – Sprucetown's Candlelight Communion Service is at 3pm, and a 6pm service will be offered at St. James in Coburn, 501 Main Street

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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