

Welcome to Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

7pm St. James UMC 501 Main Street Coburn, PA

*What can wash away my sin?
What can make me whole again?*

NOTHING
but the blood of Jesus.



*“He was pierced through for our transgressions...
by His scourging we are healed..”*

ISAIAH 53:3 NASB

Pianist: Kathy Highbaugh ~ Pastor Theresa M. Heiser, Officiant

† Please rise in body or spirit where you see the symbol

† GATHERING HYMN – *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

One: God has delivered us from bondage and has set us free.

Many: This is a night of remembrance.

One: Washing our feet, Jesus shows us that to love is to serve.

Many: This is a night to reflect on our faith.

One: Bread has been broken; wine has been poured.

Many: This is a night to journey to our past.

One: A new commandment has been given: Love one another.

Many: This is a night to reclaim our story.

One: Through these acts, we remember that our story lives on.

Many: This is a night to remember the Way, the Truth and the Life.

† OPENING PRAYER

Holy Deliverer, Tonight, we have reached the all-too-familiar story of the eve before the execution. While there are times when we relate very well to Jesus in this story, we forget that we have been Judas, Peter, and the disciples. We have allowed ourselves to become part of someone's story of pain. Our words have pierced another's heart. We have betrayed our neighbor instead of filling this world and another's soul with love. Instead of living with the heaviness of guilt, allow us to create peace around us and within us. Invite us to share our repentance and to reconcile whenever possible. May we live into the mandate to love one another as you love us. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast #616

† 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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Glory Be to the Father #70

SELECTED SCRIPTURE:

John 13:1–5, 12–15 (Foot Washing)

Luke 22:14–34 (The Table & Betrayal Revealed)

Luke 22:31–34 (Peter's Denials)

Matthew 26: 69-75 (Judas' Remorse)

MESSAGE At the Same Table: Betrayal, Denial & Return

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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 Easter People, Raise Your Voices #304

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE Hymnal p. 12

- Confession and Pardon
- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Sharing the Bread and Cup

† CLOSING HYMN Bread of the World #624

† CLOSING SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:36-40

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering benefits equally Centre Volunteers in Medicine and
World Central Kitchen

Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Association is sponsoring an R&K sandwich fundraiser. All proceeds benefit repair of tombstones and upkeep of the cemetery. Order Due: Monday, April 27 Payment due with orders. Delivery Date: Thursday, May 7, Starting at 3:45pm. Pretzel Sandwiches: \$6.50 each Subs: \$7.50 each (order forms located on table with bulletins) Contact: Melanie Styers, Phone: 814-360-4304, styersmelanie@gmail.com or Kathy Highbaugh, Phone: 814-574-0907, khighbaugh@gmail.com

Join us for Easter Sunday Worship:

7am Sunrise at Trinity UMC, Woodward followed by Sunday School

8:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn

10am at Sprucetown UMC, Spring Mills [Light breakfast at 9am]

We are collecting new erasers and hand towels for Mission Central care kits! Drop donations into the marked box or give it to the pastor.

April 16 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James starting at 9:30am. Casual conversation over coffee, tea and goodies. All ladies in the valley are welcome to join us!

April 20 - Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Church Association Meeting, 7pm, St. James UMC, Coburn

April 29 - Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC in Coburn. Contact Paula Smith to learn more about this ministry.