

Order of Worship Sunday, May 10, 2026 - Happy Mother's Day!

Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Word and offer praise and worship to strengthen each other for mission field beyond the church walls.

† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see this symbol.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

†**SANCTUARY**     *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) CCLI #1671542*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

**P: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.**

L: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

**P: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.**

L: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

**P: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.**

L: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

**P: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all beings.**

**Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world. Shape us into the people you have made us to be –  
poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN

*Because He Lives*

Hymnal #364

† 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.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer – "trespasses")

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymnal #70

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 14:15-21

MESSAGE A Mother's Love      Guest Speaker: Ruth +Hocker

† CLOSING HYMN

*Trust and Obey*

Hymnal #467

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Go now to love and serve God in the blessing of the Spirit who journeys with you as we live the unfolding story of God's dream for creation here and now. Amen.

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

May 8-15 – Pastor Theresa is on vacation. For urgent pastoral care, contact Pastor Jim Jacobs at 814-571-5046.

May 17 – Ascension Sunday: Jesus prays for our unity and glorification in him. Join us!

May 18 – Trinity UMC's Ad Board and Trustees meeting 7pm. All are welcome. We could use more people to help do the business of the church. Consider attending the meeting.

May 21 – Ladies' Coffee & Conversation, a time of casual conversation for the ladies of Penns Valley. All are welcome. We gather at 9:30am at St. James UMC in Coburn

May 24 – Pentecost: Celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all believers, empowering the church for mission and proclaiming that God's Spirit is unbound and available to all!

May 27 – Soup Kitchen at St. James. For information about this ministry, contact Paula Smith.

May 31 – Trinity Sunday: Celebrate the mystery of God's partnership in creation – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – calling us to join in God's ongoing work of love and renewal.

June 4-6 – 2026 Susquehanna Annual Conference in Williamsport. Pastor Theresa and our Lay Member to AC, Beth Brown, attending. Share any input you have regarding resolutions up for vote in writing to either Beth or the pastor by Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The workbook is available on the Annual Conference page of [SUSUMC.org](http://SUSUMC.org).

**OUR CHURCHES ARE CURRENTLY COLLECTING:**

- New erasers and hand towels for Mission Central care kits! These will become part of back-to-school kits that will help underprivileged children be ready to learn this fall. Donation box is near the church entry door. We are collecting until May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The item of the month for **May** for the East Penns Valley Food Bank is canned baked beans. Donations may be placed near the pulpit.
- We are a collection partner for Angel Kits items for victims of human trafficking. The list of items needed is available near the collection bin. Thank you for supporting FierceLove4Good!

**ABOUT OUR CHURCH:**

Visit our church's website at [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

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