

**The Case for Easter Online/Phone In Study** will be held Wednesday nights starting at 7pm, lines open at 6:45pm. Have your coffee and snack ready when you log in or call in. If you're a little late calling, no big whoop. A Bible, pen and paper may be helpful, but not required.

Week 1 Apr. 22: Evidence for the Resurrection

Week 2 Apr. 29: An Excruciating Execution

Week 3 May 6: The Case for the Empty Tomb

Week 4 May 13: Eyewitnesses to the Resurrection

**Join Hangouts Meet online:** [meet.google.com/thd-qkmm-fav](https://meet.google.com/thd-qkmm-fav)  
**Or phone in** to 1-661-527-2874 PIN: 958 868 247#

### Mark Your Calendar!

*(All events are subject to change without prior notice):*

#### APRIL

Apr 22 - *The Case for Easter* Online/Phone Study - Week 1, 7pm

Apr 26 - Message: Recognizing Jesus

Apr 29 - *The Case for Easter* Online/Phone Study - Week 2, 7pm

#### MAY

May 3 - Holy Communion during our 9:45am online/call in service with the Message: Living in Community.

May 6 - *The Case for Easter* Online/Phone Study - Week 3, 7pm

May 10 - Message: Asking Questions?

May 13 - *The Case for Easter* Online/Phone Study - Week 4, 7pm

May 17 - Message: Sharing Our Faith

May 24 - Message: Seeking Guidance Together

May 31 - **Pentecost** - What is Pentecost? It is the day we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others in Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Christian Church.

Penns Valley Charge of the United Methodist Church  
Worship Service for Sunday, April 19, 2020

Join us starting at 9:30am for our  
9:45am worship via GoogleMeet.

Worship Online: [meet.google.com/srt-ctts-jcr](https://meet.google.com/srt-ctts-jcr)

Worship by phone: 1-234-719-4286 PIN: 854 209 468#



OUR SPRING SERMON SERIES:

## The Building Blocks Of FAITH

THE BASIC, POSITIVE PRINCIPLES FOR FAITH

**1**: "Becoming a Believer"

Coming Soon: Our Summer Series, *Family Reunion*

Faith UMC, Spring Mills - St. James UMC, Coburn

Sprucetown UMC, Spring Mills - Trinity UMC, Woodward

The "church" is not closed. We are "deployed"! Ministry continues! Amen!  
Please support your local church. Thank you.

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Visit us online at [PennsValleyParish.info](https://PennsValleyParish.info)

Our mission is to be used by God to serve and strengthen each other as we seek to transform the world.

*"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."* - Ephesians 4:11-12

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

L: This is the light of Christ. **P: Thanks be to God.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sometimes the news we receive is so good we have a hard time believing it.

**P: That's true. Too often we are skeptical about positive happenings.**

L: We're like Jesus' disciple, Thomas, who doubted the resurrection.

**P: Actually we understand how he felt. It is hard to believe.**

L: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

**P: May God open our hearts and our spirits to receive with confidence the good news of Easter.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives. As we gather this morning we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN The Day of Resurrection

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE On the Road to Emmaus

JOYS AND CONCERNS

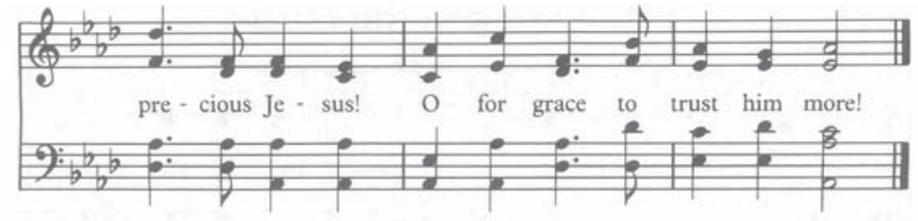
Pastoral Prayer and **The Lord's Prayer** (*"trespass"*)

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 16:5-11 (NRSV)

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;**

**I have a glorious heritage.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**COMBS for Mission Central and UMCOR**

Donations of new combs with at least 6 inches of teeth are needed for personal care kits. The State College District churches are collecting combs that will be taken to Annual Conference for creating those kits. Place donations into the collection box near the sanctuary door when we all get together again. Thank you!

**Prayer request, suggestion, or concern?**

We welcome your input! You may use the Connections Cards in the pews to get a prayer request to the pastor and you may connect with your charge Staff Parish Relations Committee representatives;

Tawnya Childs, Julia Franklin (Sprucetown)

Kathy Eisenhuth (Faith)

Kathy Highbaugh, Jan Artley (St. James)

Ron Fetzer, Moly Buchanan (Trinity)

**Staff Parish Relations Committee Meetings for 2020**

2nd Quarter: May 19th 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn, *tentative*

3rd Quarter: September 22nd at 7pm at Faith UMC

4th Quarter: November 2nd 7pm at Trinity UMC, Woodward

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1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, and to take him  
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his  
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and  
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus,

at his word; just to rest up - on his prom - ise,  
 cleans - ing blood; and in sim - ple faith to plunge me  
 self to cease; just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing  
 Sav - ior, friend; and I know that thou art with me,

*Refrain*

and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
 neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood! Je - sus, Je - sus, how I  
 life and rest, and joy and peace.  
 wilt be with me to the end.

trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Je - sus, Je - sus,

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
 even at night my heart instructs me.  
**I have set the Lord always before me;**  
**the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**  
 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
 my body also dwells secure.  
**For you do not give me up to Sheol,**  
**or let your godly one see the pit.**  
 You show me the path of life.  
**In your presence there is fullness of joy;**  
**in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 2:14a, 22-32 & 1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Becoming a Believer*

CLOSING HYMN 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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COMMISSION & BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION He Is Lord

*He is Lord. He is Lord.*

*He is Risen from the dead and He is Lord.*

*Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*Next week...Block 2: "Recognizing Jesus" Look! See! Jesus is with us!*

This Week's Resources for further study are from our January 26, 2020 RESET series message *Reset My Voice*:

### Key Scripture

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” —Galatians 5:13–15

**Question of the week:** Lord, Am I treating all members of human-kind as my neighbor in the way you command that I should? Jesus made it a point to correct the powerful and the powerless. We are all capable of getting it wrong and getting it right. If we check in with Him and listen before we speak, type or act we do better. We hope that others will see beyond our past errors and see us for the growing person we are today. Are you giving others the same courtesy?

### Prayer of the week:

*Father, we are done coming up with our own rules for living, our own strategies for success, our own coping mechanisms, our own paths to fulfillment that never lead anywhere close to fulfillment in the end. We are done! And we come to you in our done-ness, asking you to receive us, as you promise you will. Cleanse us, Lord Jesus. Purify us. Strengthen us. Impart to us life that is truly life. We ask you to reorient us, Father. Remake us. Reinvent us. Restore us. Reset us, Lord, here, in this moment of surrender—your children, before their King.*

*Forgive us for running. Forgive us for sinning. Forgive us for keeping you in a box. May we see with fresh vision your holiness, which beckons us to right-living and real change. Jesus, you came to change our perspective, to turn our world right side up because it is upside down.*

*We are ready to draw near to you, Father, and eagerly await your reciprocal drawing-near. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.”*

CCLI #1671542 Several elements of today's worship are from MinistryMatters.com, Deep Blue Adventures, the United Methodist Book of Worship and The Abingdon Worship Annual.

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## The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there - in!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

WORDS: John of Damascus; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1862  
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

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