

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, February 26, 2023 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Heart-to-Heart Talks: Not Today, Satan

Hear 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, strengthening each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

CENTERING WORDS Jesus' temptation in the desert prompts us to ask: What tempts us?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Today the journey begins. Are you ready?

**P: There is so much I still have to do. I am not sure I'll ever be ready.**

L: Let go of those things THAT chain you to despair.

**P: Lord, help me look and see the ways in which I have abandoned you.**

L: Come, let us worship and feel the power of freedom in God.

**P: Open our hearts today to receive your freeing love, O Lord. AMEN.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**Holy One, we are constantly bombarded with temptations and enticements. When we yield, when we fail, who will help us? You, Lord, have come to our aid. You teach us, counsel us, and guide us in the ways we should go. We rejoice in your unfailing love. Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN Take Time to Be Holy #395

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.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jesus Says No to Temptation Matt 4:1-11; 2 Tim 3:16

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 // Matthew 4:1-11

MESSAGE Not Today, Satan

† CLOSING HYMN It is Well with My Soul UMH #377

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

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

- February 26, March 5 & 12 – Randy Muthersbaugh invites you to watch an episode of The Chosen 1:30pm at Brush Valley UMC, Madisonburg. All are welcome!
- Online Lent Study: *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table* - Register today and attend when you can Wednesdays, through March 29 7-8pm You are invited to join Pastor Theresa and a small group of friends Wednesday evenings during Lent to study an excellent book written by Louie Giglio. We will watch a video clip and discuss the book which expands on the struggle with the devil, the flesh and the world. More information is available at [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info).
- March 1 – East PV Ministerium Lent Service: Planting (Parable of the Sower) 7pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Millheim with Julie Holm presiding.
- March 2 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!
- March 5 – Youth Pizza Study at 5pm at St. James Coburn with the next The Chosen episode viewing at 6pm entitled “Indescribable Compassion”. All are welcome!
- March 7 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Board meets at 7pm. All are welcome!
- March 8 – East PV Ministerium Lent Service: Harvesting Exodus 7pm at Salem UCC, Spring Mills with Teresa Hockenberry presiding.
- March 12 – Spring Ahead! Don't be late for church! 😊
- March 12 – Sprucetown UMC Potluck Lunch follows worship. Ad Board/Trustees meeting following lunch. See a lovely display of historical records of baptism, marriage and births!
- March 16 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!
- March 20 – Trinity Board and Trustees meeting at 7pm
- March 28 – Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Assn meeting open to all interested folks 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn.

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