

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, March 19, 2023 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Heart-to-Heart Talks: So Many Questions

Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: 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 The healing of a blind man sparks difficult questions, most poignantly:
Do we know Jesus?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are blind to many things.

P: Lord, cure our blindness.

L: The light of God shines for us today.

P: Lord, pour that light on us.

L: Come, worship God who forgives and heals your blindness.

P: Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you.

† OPENING PRAYER

Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Be Thou My Vision UMH #451

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 Heals a Blind Man John 9:1-13

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 16:1-13 // John 9:1-41

MESSAGE So Many Questions

† CLOSING HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH #454

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

- 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 for the online study at any point. More information is available at PennsValleyParish.info.
- March 20 – Trinity Board and Trustees meeting at 7pm
- March 22 – East PV Ministerium Lent Service: Mixing and Kneading Luke 11:1-13 hosted at St. Peter's UCC, Rebersburg with Julie Holm presiding
- March 28 – Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Assn meeting open to all interested folks 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn.
- March 29 – Soup Kitchen ministry at St. James UMC, for information contact Paula Smith
- March 29 – East PV Ministerium Lent Service: Waiting and Rising, Luke 13:20-21 hosted by Salem Lutheran, Aaronsburg with Teresa Hockenberry presiding.
- April 2 – PALM SUNDAY
- April 4 – Sprucetown Ad Council will meet at 7pm
- April 6 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!
- Maundy Thursday Service with Communion April 6 hosted by St. James UMC in Coburn at 7pm, this is part of the East PV Ministerium Lent services series. All are welcome.
- Good Friday Service, part of the East PV Ministerium will be held at Christ UCC, Madisonburg with Julie Holm presiding.
- Bring family and friends for Easter Sunday service! 6:30am Sunrise Service at Trinity UMC, 8:30am Resurrection Service at St. James UMC, Coburn and 10:30am Resurrection Service at Sprucetown UMC.
- April 14 & 15 – Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course will be offered. Details on the bulletin board.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

Pastor: Theresa M. Heiser; theiser@susumc.org; 814-883-9510; PO Box 211, Centre Hall 16828

District Superintendent: Rev. Brenda Leigey District Website: statecollege.susumc.org

Bishops: Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball Conf. Website: susumc.org

The Penns Valley Charge is part of the Penns Valley Cluster; State College District; Susquehanna Annual Conference; Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

CCLI #11541746 Several elements of today's worship are from Ministry Matters, A Preacher's Guide Lectionary Sermon Series Thematic Plans for Years A B and C, Feasting on the Word, The United Methodist Book of Worship, and The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023.