

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 21, 2024 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany, Year B
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
For the transformation of the world, we study God's Word in context to be equipped to live Jesus' Way.

CENTERING WORDS God is not a taskmaster keeping track of our good deeds. Rather, God intervenes boldly and relentlessly for the purpose of life and the restoration of creation.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim God's word.

P: But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.

L: God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

P: Jesus called the disciples by the lakeshore

L: They left their families and jobs to follow Jesus.

P: Lord, give us the courage to follow you all of our lives.

† OPENING PRAYER

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me UMH #361

† 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.

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

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER

HYMN OF PREPARATION Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling UMH #348

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:1-5, 10 // 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 // Mark 1:14-20

MESSAGE Have You Got What It Takes to Change God's Mind?

† CLOSING HYMN Where He Leads Me UMH #338

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

L: The kingdom of God is near.

P: We are called to action.

L: The kingdom of God unfolds throughout our lives.

P: We will take the word of grace into the world.

L: Go, redeemed and blessed for you are never alone.

P: We will spread the good news! Amen.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
You are invited to attend a **Laity Celebration** March 9th at 10am hosted at Mount Nittany UMC in Lemont. Enjoy glorious music, inspiring stories and worship with holy communion. Hearts will be “strangely warmed” anew through praise and encouragement! Come and be celebrated!

January 24 – 1st Quarter Meeting of PV Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee, 7pm St. James in Coburn. *Our Jan. 17th meeting was postponed to this date.*

January 31 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC, Coburn

February 1 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted by St. James UMC, Coburn 9:30am.

February 4 – Communion Sunday

February 7 – 1st Wednesday Bible Study at Sprucetown 10-11:30am. Bring your Bible.

February 11 - Sprucetown UMC Potluck Lunch following 11am worship. Ad Council meets after lunch.

UPCOMING:

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

Maundy Thursday Worship Service will be held March 28, 2024 at 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn

Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024

Gideon’s Guest Speaker Sunday is April 21, 2024

2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church is April 23-May 3, 2024

2024 Susquehanna Annual Conference is May 30-June 1, 2024

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