

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 18, 2024 1st Sunday of Lent, 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 When clouds threaten, look for signs of light and life: a rainbow, a bird, a gentle rain, the waters of baptism. These gifts of love bring hope and wash us clean.

#### SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

##### † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all you people, come and worship.

**P: God has made a covenant with us.**

L: Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.

**P: God has made a covenant with all creatures.**

L: Remember the covenant and be thankful.

**P: God remembers the covenant and God will save us.**

##### † OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God,**

**you called all creatures into being,**

**and you care for each one.**

**Send your grace upon your people gathered here,**

**that we may follow your ways of truth,**

**and walk in the paths of steadfast love,**

**proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

##### † OPENING HYMN God of the Sparrow God of the Whale UMH #122

##### † 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 (St. James Coburn)

##### HYMN OF PREPARATION Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH #399

##### SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17 // 1 Peter 3:18-22 // Mark 1:9-15

##### MESSAGE The Power of Sacrifice: Expand Your Mind

##### PRAYER FOR LENT UMH #268 (and on the screen)

† CLOSING HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised UMH #396

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

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

**Life After Loss** helps you to focus on your loss, face the pain of it, and set about to reintegrate your life.

Recommended for those experiencing a loss by death that occurred at least 3 months prior to our 1st session. Classes are every Sunday for 5 weeks starting April 7th from Noon-2:30pm at Christ's United Methodist Church, 1200 Allegheny Street, Julian. A light lunch is provided each week. If you would like more information about the group or would like to register for the free sessions, contact Rev. Karen L. Weiss, 814-883-7595, [kweiss@susumc.org](mailto:kweiss@susumc.org). Please share this with anyone who may benefit.

**Book Study:** Pastor Theresa is leading a book study on *The Third Day – Living the Resurrection* Tuesdays via Zoom from 7-8pm. See the bulletin board or our website for registration information. Join anytime. Attend when you are able.

**A Laity Celebration** will be held March 9th at 10am hosted at Mount Nittany UMC in Lemont. You are encouraged to join us for glorious music including a bell choir, inspiring stories, and holy communion.

February 13 – *The Third Day – Living the Resurrection* book study

February 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Bible Study 10am at St. James UMC, 501 Main St. in Coburn

February 28 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC in Coburn. Contact: Paula Smith 814-880-6023

March 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Bible Study 10am at Sprucetown UMC, 177 Upper Georges Valley Rd.

March 7 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted at St. James UMC 9:30am. All are welcome.

March 9 – A Laity Celebration 10am at Mt. Nittany UMC, 1500 E. Branch Road, State College

March 10 – Sprucetown Potluck Lunch following worship.

March 28 - Maundy Thursday service will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn

March 31 - Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024 – Sunrise Service 7am at Trinity Woodward; 8:30am at St. James Coburn; 10am at Sprucetown UMC with breakfast prior to the service

UPCOMING:

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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