

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 4, 2024 5th 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 Jesus continues to keep his identity a secret, but his actions often free others who have been living in secret.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.

P: We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.

L: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

P: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

L: Praise be to God who has called us here.

P: Thanks be to God for God's eternal love.

† OPENING PRAYER

Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Be with us and bless us again, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Take Time to Be Holy UMH #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.

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

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER (St. James Coburn)

HYMN OF PREPARATION What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH #526

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 // Mark 1:29-39

MESSAGE Secret Freedom

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH pg 12

† CLOSING HYMN This is My Father's World UMH #144

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

Book Study: Pastor Theresa will lead a book study for Lent six Tuesday evenings via Zoom starting February 13th. *The Third Day – Living the Resurrection*, by Tom Berlin, creatively connects the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. See the flyer on the bulletin board or our website for more information and how to register. The pastor highly recommends reading the book even if you do not do the study.

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. Be celebrated! This is for you.

February 7 – 1st Wednesday Bible Study at Sprucetown 10-11:30am. Bring your Bible. We will supply one if needed. This is a casual study open to everyone. We are studying the Book of Matthew.

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

February 13 – First night of the Lent book study! See the flyer on the bulletin board or website for more.

February 14 – Available Ash Wednesday service times and locations will be shared soon.

February 15 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted at St. James UMC 9:30am. All are welcome.

UPCOMING:

Maundy Thursday service will be held March 28th 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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