

Order of Worship for Sunday, March 10, 2024 4th 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 We never become so adept at living the Christian life, so skilled at being the Body of Christ, that we outgrow our need for rebirth in the Spirit.

#### SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

##### † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to God!

**P: Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world.**

L: Let all of us, gathered here, celebrate God's absolute love.

**P: Let us offer our lives in service to others.**

L: Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us.

**P: Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve you in your world.**

##### † OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.**

##### † OPENING HYMN Now Thank We All Our God UMH #102

##### † 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 How Great Thou Art UMH #77

##### SELECTED SCRIPTURE Numbers 21:4-9 // Ephesians 2:1-10 // John 3:14-21

##### MESSAGE The Power of Sacrifice: The Spotlight of Grace

##### † CLOSING HYMN Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound UMH #378

## † COMMISSION & BLESSING

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

**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.

**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.

March 10 – Sprucetown Potluck Lunch following worship, Ad council/trustees meeting to follow

March 18 – Trinity Ad Board and Trustees meeting at 7pm

March 19 – Book Study by Zoom 7-8pm. Details and registration at [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

March 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Bible Study 10am at St. James UMC, Coburn. All are welcome.

March 20 – Lent Services; 7pm at Grace UMC/Centre Hall, 7pm St. John's Lutheran/Millheim

March 21 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

March 21 – Chi Rho Singers in concert hosted at Grace UMC, Centre Hall 7pm

March 24 – PALM SUNDAY

March 28 - Maundy Thursday service will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn. Come early at 6pm for a light soup supper! All are welcome.

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 a light breakfast served at 9am.

April 2 – Sprucetown Ad Board/Trustees meeting 7pm

April 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Bible study at Sprucetown 10am. All are welcome!

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