

Order of Worship for Sunday, March 17, 2024 5th 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 God has written the law of love on your heart. Search deeply and find God within. Jesus' bravery in the face of impending death should inspire and challenge us.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP (by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

L: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

L: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

L: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day.

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Blessed Assurance UMH #369

† 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 Nothing but the Blood UMH #362

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:31-34 // Hebrews 5:5-10 // John 12:20-33

MESSAGE The Power of Sacrifice: Sacrificial Bravery

† CLOSING HYMN Jesus Calls Us UMH #398

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on 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. Please share this with anyone who may benefit.

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

March 19 – Book Study by Zoom 7-8pm. Details and registration at PennsValleyParish.info

****March 20 – 3rd Wednesday Bible Study 10:30am** 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 28th 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 – 1st Wednesday Bible study at Sprucetown 10am. All are welcome!

April 4 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation 9:30am hosted at St. James UMC, Coburn

**** Last minute time change due to a meeting that pastor must attend.**

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