

Order of Worship for Sunday, March 3, 2024 3rd 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 The Ten Commandments reveal God's will for our lives. As Jesus threw out money changers, he remembered God's decrees against turning God's house into a marketplace.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.

P: God's holy word revives us.

L: Simple and confused, we yield.

P: God's word gives us wisdom.

L: Blind and uncomprehending, we await.

P: God's word enlightens our eyes.

L: More precious than gold is God's word.

P: Sweeter than honey are God's commands.

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Have Thine Own Way, Lord! UMH #382

† 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 God Is Here UMH #660

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-17 // John 2:13-22

MESSAGE The Power of Sacrifice: Destroying Evil Systems

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† CLOSING HYMN The Old Rugged Cross UMH #504

† 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 5 – St. James Trustees meeting at 6:30pm and Ad Board meeting at 7pm; Sprucetown UMC Trustees and Ad Board meeting at 7pm

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

March 6 – East PV Comm. Lent Service Salem UCC, Spring Mills 7pm; Grace UMC Centre Hall 7pm

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 18 – Trinity Ad Board and Trustees meeting at 7pm

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

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 breakfast prior to the service

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