

Order of Worship for Sunday, April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B  
Hear Pastor’s Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
For personal transformation, we study God’s Word to learn how we shall live, offer praise and worship  
and strengthen each other. For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.

CENTERING WORDS Faith is lived in the doing, not just the believing and declaring.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE The Sanctuary Song *Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.* (sing twice)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

**P: We come today, celebrating God’s love for us.**

L: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

**P: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**

L: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

**P: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Close to Thee UMH #407

† 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 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love UMH #432

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 4:5-12 // 1 John 3:16-24 // John 10:11-18

MESSAGE Living in a Post-Resurrection World: Truth and Action

† CLOSING HYMN The Gift of Love (Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire) UMH #408

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

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

April 23 – May 3 – The General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in Charlotte, NC. A General Conference Guide link and a link to a video explaining the 2025-2028 quadrennium proposed budget are available on our website. We will offer a post conference information session to interested congregants soon after the GC. Date/time/location TBD.

Through May 26 - We are collecting items for Care Kits for Mission Central that will be delivered to the Annual Conference and dropped off and Mission Central kits assembled in the Grand Ballroom at the Genetti Hotel. We are collecting bath size bar soap (2.5oz and larger- no Dove, Ivory, or Lisa Brands) and adult toothbrushes (sealed in their individual packaging). The goal is to bring enough supplies to make 1000 kits so that as a Conference we can be a blessing to others.

NOTE: There is no Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC this month.

April 27 – Ladies’ Tea hosted by Sprucetown UMC. Ladies are welcome at 2pm. Bring a photo of your mother or mother figure; any size, framed or unframed.

May 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Bible Study 10am hosted at Sprucetown UMC. All are welcome.

May 1 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm and Ad Board at 7pm. Members are welcome to attend.

May 2 – National Day of Prayer – St. James UMC will be open for prayer. Official prayer guides are available near the bulletins.

May 2 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC, Coburn 9:30am. All ladies welcome.

May 7 – Sprucetown UMC Ad Council and Trustees meeting 7pm. Members are welcome to attend.

July 28 – Penns Valley Charge Wide Worship and Picnic hosted by the Fellowship Bible Church at the invitation of Robert Steiger. Worship begins promptly at 10:30am with a potluck picnic to follow. Meat, beverages and table service provided by Fellowship Bible Church. Bring a covered dish to share. This will take the place of our regular worship schedule this day. Please join us for a time of praise, worship, and fellowship!

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