

Order of Worship for Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Fifth 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

Connected to Christ through the power of love, we become the presence of God for the world.

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: As members of Christ’s tree of life,

**P: we are connected, in love, to God.**

L: As members of Christ’s tree of life,

**P: we are connected, in love, to one another.**

L: As members of Christ’s tree of life,

**P: we are strengthened in our connection through worship.**

#### † OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, send your Spirit among us now. Bind us to you in love this day, that we may worship in unity and friendship. Bind us to you in love this hour, that we may be strengthened to bring abundance love to your world. In love and gratitude, we pray. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Morning Has Broken UMH #145

#### † 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 Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH #399

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40 // 1 John 4:7-21 // John 15:1-8

MESSAGE Living in a Post-Resurrection World: We Bear Fruit  
[Abide – tolerate, withstand, await, sojourn/keep going]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive Prayer)

L: Christ is the vine.

**P: We are the branches.**

L: If we abide in Christ,

**P: Christ's words will abide in us.**

L: Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name

**P: and it will be granted.**

L: In the name of Christ,

**P: we who seek forgiveness are forgiven!**

† CLOSING HYMN Trust and Obey UMH #467

† 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.

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.

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.

#### ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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