

Order of Worship Sunday, March 16, 2025 2nd Sunday in Lent, Year C
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see this symbol.

CENTERING WORDS Life is full of moments that test our faith. But God's promises are secure, and He calls us to stand firm.

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are on a journey of faith. Jesus is our leader and our guide.

P: We place our trust in him.

L: As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on an urgency.

P: We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem

L: Do not fear! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me UMH #361

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 - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST – St. James UMC & Sprucetown UMC

HYMN OF PREPARATION Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling UMH #348

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 // Philippians 3:17-4:1 // Luke 13:31-35

MESSAGE Steadfast Love in a Wayward World

† CLOSING HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing UMH #664

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: God's promises are bigger than my doubts. His calling is stronger than my opposition. His plan is worth the cost. In the challenges of doing my faith becomes real. Where is God calling me to stand firm this week?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

If you would like to understand better your church history, how the church functions, and more take the Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course. Designed to encourage and inform anyone, this class also serves as an excellent resource for new and existing leaders. The class will be led by Pastors Carrie Granche (Pleasant Gap), Sandy Kraft (Grace Centre Hall) and Pastor Theresa.

- March 17 – Chapter Two of our Lent Book Study on Max Lucado's *In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land*. Details on PennsValleyParish.info. Register today. Begin anytime, attend as you are able. The study is 7-8pm by Zoom with videos from Max Lucado.
- March 17 – Trinity Ad Board and Trustees Meeting has been postponed until our next gathering in May. Pressing church business will be addressed after worship Sunday, March 16th (today). See Peggy Huey for more information.
- March 18 – You are invited to the Mountain Valley District Lent Worship Service on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 pm hosted by Greater Buffalo Run Valley UMC, 112 Trinity Court, Bellefonte. A special offering will be received for the Sierra Leone Initiative.
- March 19 – “Cooking for a Crowd” will be offered at Grace UMC in Centre Hall on March 19th from 1:00 until 3:30. No pre-registration or fee is required. Cooking for Crowds is a program to help nonprofit organizations and their volunteers understand the risks involved with preparing large volumes of food and the important food safety practices that need to be implemented to ensure a safe event. Please share this opportunity with groups and organizations you know.
- March 19 – Lent Services; 7pm Trinity UCC in Centre Hall; 7pm St. John's Lutheran Church, Millheim. Please come early for a Soup Supper at 6pm in the choir room behind the sanctuary at St. John's.
- March 20 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted by St. James UMC, Coburn 9:30am. All ladies welcome.
- April 20 - Easter Sunday Services; Trinity UMC 7am, St. James UMC 8:30am, Sprucetown 10am

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