

Order of Worship Sunday, April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday, Year C, Holy Communion
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 We are witnesses to an amazing story of grace and hope. May we hear the story in a new way to share the risen Christ with the world.

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING PRAYER

**God of life, through Jesus Christ
you have bestowed upon the world the light of life.
Sanctify this new fire,
and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled
with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising,
that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

L: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death. Christ is our light!
P: Thanks be to God.

† OPENING HYMN Christ the Lord Is Risen Today UMH #302

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

L: Sin and death shall reign no more!

P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

L: Let this place resound with joy!

P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

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.***

PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

*- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass*

against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18

MESSAGE When Jesus Calls Your Name

- We often fail to recognize Jesus because we are looking in the wrong direction.
- The resurrection is not just an event—it is a personal calling.
- Our mission is simply to share that we have encountered Christ.
- Easter is for all people, and Christ is calling each of us by name.

HYMN Up From the Grave He Arose UMH #322

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE UMH p. 12

- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Sharing the Bread and Cup

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

† CLOSING HYMN He Lives #310

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

- April 30 – Soup Kitchen at St. James. Contact Paula Smith for more information.
- May 1 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted by St. James UMC, Coburn 9:30am. All ladies welcome.
- May 14 – 2nd Quarter SPRC Meeting at 7pm hosted by Sprucetown UMC.

ABOUT OUR CHURCHES:

Sprucetown UMC gathers for worship Sundays at 11am. Service offered on Zoom.

Pastor: Theresa M. Heiser; theiser@susumc.org; 814-883-9510; PO Box 211, Centre Hall PA 16828

District Superintendent: Rev. Brenda Leigey District Website: statecollege.susumc.org

Susquehanna Conference Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez Conference Website: susumc.org

The Penns Valley Charge is part of the Penns Valley Cluster; State College (Mountain Valley) District; Susquehanna Annual Conference; Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church