

Order of Worship Sunday, April 27, 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year C  
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see this symbol.

CENTERING WORDS Herein is our hope: The risen Christ knocks upon our door before we know how to knock upon his door.

† 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: Even in the midst of our questions.

**P: We will praise the Lord.**

L: Even with fears of what might be.

**P: We will praise God for God's mighty deeds, according to God's surpassing greatness.**

L: We come with faith that is growing in spite of this.

**P: Praise God with song and dance.**

L: Let us offer worship and praise to the living God, the Risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

**P: Let everything that breathes praise God. Praise God!**

† OPENING PRAYER

**Life-giving, Life-affirming God, we come this morning, remembering the joy of Easter while facing realities of this world. Fill us with the hope of new life that resurrection brings. Help us open our hearts to the never-ending, unconditional love of this Easter season. Be with us now in our time of worship, and remain with us each and every day as we walk our paths of life in faith. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH #203

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 Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place UMH #328

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 // Acts 5:27-32 // Revelation 1:4-8

MESSAGE Resurrected & Ready: Transformation from fear to faith, from hiding to hope!

- A New Beginning — From Hiding to Witnessing (The New “Come and see” to “Go and tell”)
- Doubt Isn’t the Enemy—Distance Is
- Resurrection People in a Good Friday World

† CLOSING HYMN Easter People, Raise Your Voices UMH #304

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: If Jesus walked through walls to reach the disciples, what’s stopping Him from walking into your life this week?

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

April 30 – Soup Kitchen at St. James – Contact Paula Smith for more information.

May 1 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation hosted at St. James UMC at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

May 7 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Administrative Board at 7pm

SAVE THE DATES:

June 8 - Retirement celebration for DS Rev. Brenda Leigey is scheduled and planned for June 8th 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the church worship service and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for fellowship time. It will be held at Mount Nittany UMC 1500 East Branch Road, State College, Pa. 16801.

July 20 – Our Charge Wide Worship & Picnic is hosted by St. James this year and will be held July 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am at Coburn Park pavilion, featuring the Penns Valley Men’s Chorus and a butterfly release in honor or memory of loved ones. Meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Michelle Bodle, who has accepted an invitation to attend.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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