

Order of Worship Sunday, April 6, 2025 5th Sunday in Lent, Year C, Communion Sunday  
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 God turns our tears to shouts of joy. Christ turns our weeping into laughter.

† 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: When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;

**P: There is Christ who reaches out to us.**

L: When the world seems dark and despairs threatens to close in upon us;

**P: There is Christ, reaching out for us.**

L: Come and let us worship the Lord who is always ready to reach out to us.

**P: We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Standing on the Promises of Christ My King UMH #374

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 Close to Thee UMH #407

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:16-21 // Philippians 3:4b-14 // John 12:1-8

MESSAGE The Fragrance of Devotion: What Will You Pour Out?

What are we holding onto that we need to release for Christ?

How can we offer something costly in devotion to Him?

How might others smell our love for Jesus in our lives?

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† CLOSING HYMN When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH #298

PARTING THOUGHT: Mary's act of fragrant love filled the house with the scent of her devotion—her faith was undeniable and unforgettable. When people encounter you, do they experience the aroma of Christ? What are you holding onto that needs to be poured out in love and devotion to Jesus?

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

- Easter Sunday Services will be offered April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pass along the different start times for worship that day to family and friends; Trinity UMC Sunrise Service at 7am followed by refreshments and Sunday School, St. James UMC Service at 8:30am, and Sprucetown UMC Service begins at 10am with breakfast at 9am. All are welcome. The 8:30 and 10am services will be live streamed as well.

- Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course will be offered May 2 & 3 hosted at Grace UMC in Centre Hall. The Mountain Valley District is offering 10 free scholarships! Register now and take this training free! The details and registration information is on our website [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info).

- April 7 - Chapters 9 & 10 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](http://PennsValleyParish.info).

- April 9 - Lent Services; 7pm Trinity UCC in Centre Hall. Arrive at 6pm to sing with the choir.; 7pm at hosted by Grace UCC, 118 Two Steeples Lane, Spring Mills, message I am the Resurrection and the Life.

- April 13 – Palm Sunday

- April 17 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation, 9:30am hosted at St. James UMC, Coburn. All ladies welcome.

- April 17 – Maundy Thursday Service hosted by Brush Valley Fusion of Faith, Madisonburg at 7pm

- April 18 – Good Friday service hosted by Salem Lutheran Church, Aaronsburg at 7pm

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