

Order of Worship Sunday, May 4, 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C, with 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 What does Jesus do with all instances of our failure to faithfully follow? He returns to us, shows up to us, and continues to call and recall, and equip us.

† 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: Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

P: Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

L: Christ asks us if we love him.

P: We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship

L: Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

P: Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others.

† OPENING PRAYER

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Hymn of Promise UMH #707

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 21:1-19 // Acts 9:1-20

MESSAGE Turning Back: Peter, Paul and People Like Us

- "Sifted Like Wheat" — The Warning in the Upper Room that is for us all!
- The Shoreline of Grace – Come and See/Go and Tell = Discipleship and Formation

- Turning Around — A Pattern of Redemption we see in today's passages and others
 - Your failure is not final.
 - Returning starts with honesty with ourselves.
 - Restoration leads to service.
 - Grace comes through community.

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† CLOSING HYMN Amazing Grace! UMH #378

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Turning back doesn't mean going backward—it means coming home to the grace that was always waiting for you. This week, if you feel lost, remember: Jesus didn't just call Peter and Paul once—He called them again. And He's still calling you.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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

May 14 – 2nd Quarter Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting 7pm at Sprucetown UMC

May 15 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation, 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. All ladies welcome.

May 19 – Trinity Trustees & Ad Board meeting 7pm. All are welcome.

May 28 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC, Coburn. Contact Paula Smith to learn more.

May 29-31 – 2025 Susquehanna Annual Conference in Williamsport; Pastor Theresa and Beth Brown (Lay Member to Annual Conference) attending. Please pray for the preparation and the conference.

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 20th 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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