

Order of Worship Sunday, May 11, 2025 4th Sunday of Easter, Year C, Happy Mothers Day!
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 The resurrected Christ is our one true shepherd – the good shepherd spoken of by the psalmist, who leads God's flock through fear and trials to rest beside still waters.

† 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: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

P: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

L: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

P: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

L: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

P: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

L: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

P: And we will dwell in God's house forever.

† OPENING PRAYER

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Close to Thee UMH #407

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 How Shall They Hear the Word of God UMH #649

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 // John 10:22-30 // Acts 9:36-43

MESSAGE Raised to Life, Restored to Love

- Raised for the living! How is God calling us to “get up, and live a sermon”?
- The Church is not built on programs, but on people.
- Psalm 23 talks about a familiar Shepherd. When do you “know” his voice when you hear it?

† CLOSING HYMN Happy the Home When God Is There UMH #445

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Whose life are you quietly stitching love into? May we live in such a way that our love leaves a legacy—visible, wearable, unforgettable.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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.

You are invited to a Retirement celebration for DS Rev. Brenda Leigey Sunday, June 8th with worship at 3:00 p.m. and fellowship from 4 - 6 p.m. at Mount Nittany UMC 1500 East Branch Road, State College.

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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