

Order of Worship Sunday, March 15, 2026 4th Sunday in Lent
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For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Authentic Word and offer praise and
worship to strengthen each other for mission field beyond the church walls.
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see the cross

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS The healing of a blind man sparks difficult questions, most poignantly:
Do we see how, as well as what, Jesus does?

† 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: We are blind to many things.

P: Lord, cure our blindness.

L: The light of God shines for us today.

P: Lord, pour that light on us.

L: Come, worship God who forgives and heals your blindness.

P: Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you.

† OPENING PRAYER

**Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of
our sight. Clear away our blindness and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in
your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and
faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Be Thou My Vision UMH #451

† 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 - PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer – “trespasses”)

PASSING OF THE PEACE [St. James UMC and Sprucetown UMC]

HYMN OF PREPARATION Glory Be to the Father UMH #70

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 16:1-13 // Ephesians 5:8-14 // John 9:1-41

MESSAGE Eye-Opening Conversations

† CLOSING HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH #454

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Parting Thought: Be Thou our vision, O God. Be our eyes. Be our hearts. Be the grace that flows through our lives. Only with Your eyes can we see rightly.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
Mondays, March 2-23 – Lent Book Study: “The Grace of Les Miserables” Details on our website and on the flyer on the bulletin board.

Cancelled: March 16 – Trinity UMC’s Ad Board and Trustees meeting

March 19 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James starting at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

March 21 – District Celebration of Laity Worship Service hosted by Mt. Nittany UMC, 10am. All laity are welcome. This service celebrates you!

March 29 – Palm Sunday

April 2 – Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn. Part of the East Penns Valley Ministerium’s Lent offerings. All are welcome.

April 5 – Easter Sunday Services; Trinity UMC 7am, St. James UMC 8:30am, Sprucetown UMC 10am with a light breakfast served at 9am

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