

Order of Worship Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 PennsValleyParish.info
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 triumphal entry finds people hoping Jesus comes through for them.
But what happens when we fail Jesus?

† 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: The way has been prepared.

P: For the crowds it is the way of celebration.

L: For Jesus it is the way of completion

P: Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the Holy City.

L: Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

P: We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

† OPENING PRAYER

**O Lord God, whose Son followed your will, both as Servant and Savior, and now rules in the
hearts of those who accept him as King: Open our hearts to his rule, that we may rejoice in
the blessings of his kingdom and share with those who honor him with their lives. In his
name, we pray. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, the Little Children Sang UMH #278

† 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 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH #277 v. 3 only

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11 // Matthew 26:14-35 // Matthew 27:1-10

MESSAGE Convicting Conversations: Betrayal, Denial, and the Way Back

† CLOSING HYMN Lord of the Dance UMH #261 v. 1-4

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Parting Thought: Though you have fallen short, God reaches out to you in loving forgiveness. He walks with you—even now—on the road to the cross... and beyond.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
METHODIST STUDY AVAILABLE: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course is available to anyone attending the United Methodist Church who has interest in learning the history of our tradition, servant and spiritual leadership, caring ministries, how to share your faith with others, and overall gain greater understanding about the church and your role in it. There is a short booklet to read in preparation for the class time, which will be 6:30-9pm Friday, May 1st and 9am-5pm Saturday, May 2nd hosted at Sprucetown UMC. This class is open to any Methodist in the Mountain Valley District. Information and registration details are found on a flyer hanging on the bulletin board and on our website PennsValleyParish.info.

CURRENTLY COLLECTING: New erasers and hand towels for Mission Central care kits. This month's food pantry item is new, packaged toothbrushes and toothpaste along with any non-perishable food items.

April 2, 16 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James starting at 9:30am. All ladies welcome!

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 3 – Good Friday Worship Service 7pm at Grace UCC, Spring Mills, part of the East Penns Valley Ministerium's Lent offerings. All are welcome.

April 5 – Easter Sunday Services, please invite neighbors, friends and family to join us:

7am at Trinity UMC 7am - 8:30am at St. James UMC 8:30am - 10am at Sprucetown UMC with a light breakfast to be served at 9am

April 15 – 2nd Quarter Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting 7pm at Sprucetown.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH: Visit our church's website at PennsValleyParish.info

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