

Order of Worship Sunday, April 12, 2026 - Believing is Seeing: Unless I See...
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 Today, we come not pretending certainty— but open to encounter.
Because believing is often how seeing begins.

† 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

Leader: We come with questions.

People: And we bring them honestly.

Leader: We come with faith—

People: And with places where faith is still forming.

Leader: The risen Christ meets us behind locked doors.

People: And speaks peace into our fear.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who is not afraid of our doubts—

People: And who helps us see.

† OPENING PRAYER

**Risen Christ, You meet us in rooms we have closed off. You enter our questions, our fears,
our uncertainty. Speak Your peace to us today. Where we are guarded, soften us. Where we
are unsure, steady us. Where we are seeking, reveal Yourself. Help us not to fear our
questions—but to bring them to You. So that in believing, we may begin to see. AMEN.**

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

† 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 He Lives UMH #310 v. 3 only

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Acts 2:14a, 22-32 // 1 Peter 1:3-9 // John 20:19-31

MESSAGE Unless I See... Doubt as a doorway to deeper sight

† CLOSING HYMN Be Thou My Vision UMH #451

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Parting Thought: Go into the world not just remembering what Jesus said—
but watching for where it is becoming real. Go...and see.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
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 and much more.
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. Visit
PennsValleyParish.info for details.

Now Collecting: We are collecting new erasers and hand towels for Mission Central care kits!
Donation box is near the church entry door. This month's food pantry item is household cleaners
in addition to non-perishable food items. This box is also in the entry of the church.

April 12 – Today is our last potluck lunch of the season. The theme is picnic favorites, but we will dine
inside. Join us for lunch after worship at Sprucetown UMC. Bring your favorite picnic meal dish to share.
Administrative Board and Trustees meeting following lunch.

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

April 16 – Ladies' Coffee & Conversation, a time of casual conversation for the ladies of Penns Valley. All
are welcome. We gather at 9:30am at St. James UMC in Coburn.

April 20 - Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Church Association Meeting, 7pm, St. James UMC,
Coburn

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

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