

Order of Worship Sunday, April 19, 2026 - Believing is Seeing: Seeing Along the Way

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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

CENTERING WORDS Easter invites us to be ready to meet Christ, anywhere, at any time, in anyone.

† 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 come with questions still lingering.

**P: And with hope still rising.**

L: We come remembering what Jesus said

**P: And discovering what it means.**

L: The stone was rolled away, but so were our assumptions.

**P: Our eyes are opening.**

L: Come, let us worship the risen Christ

**P: Who walks with us, speaks to us, and helps us see.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**Risen Lord, You meet us on the road of life and lift us from our pain and grief. Heal our hardness of heart, and open our minds to the subtleness of your ways, and the grandeur of your kingdom. During times of suffering and doubt, help us grow strong and true, through your enduring word. Reveal your presence to us, as we show hospitality to strangers, and break bread in your mighty name. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Sweet, Sweet Spirit UMH #334 (Sing 2 times)

† 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 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH #310 v. 2 only

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

MESSAGE Seeing Along the Way... Seeing Jesus in hindsight and Scripture

† CLOSING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH #127

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Parting Thought: We don't always recognize Jesus in the moment... But later, something clicks.  
This week: What if He's already walking beside you?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

- The Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course is available to anyone attending the United Methodist Church who has interest in learning more about the church. There is a short booklet to read in preparation for the class, who meets 6:30-9pm Friday, May 1st and 9am-5pm Saturday, May 2nd at Sprucetown Church. Visit [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info) for details. Registration required today.

- We are collecting new erasers and hand towels for Mission Central care kits! These will become part of back to school kits that will help underprivileged children be ready to learn this fall.

Donation box is near the church entry door. We are collecting until May 31<sup>st</sup>.

- April 20 - Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Association Meeting, 7pm, St. James UMC, Coburn. Anyone interested in the maintenance and improvement of the site welcome. We have a few projects this year including improvements to the stones of Rev. Sebastian Musser, Adam Zerby and Jacob Steiger. Also, we celebrate a \$500 grant received toward improvements.

- April 29 – Soup Kitchen Ministry at St. James UMC, Coburn. Contact Paula Smith for details.

- May 1 & 2 – Lay Servant Ministries Training at Sprucetown Church. See notice above.

- May 7 – 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.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH: Visit our church's website at [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

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