

Order of Worship Sunday, May 3, 2026 - Believing is Seeing: "I Am 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 We like to know where we're going, clear directions before we begin, how long it will take, and what awaits when we get there. Jesus invites us to follow and trust Him.

† 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 about the road ahead.

P: And we come seeking the One who leads us.

L: Jesus says, "Do not let your heart be troubled."

P: We place our trust in Him.

L: Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

P: In Him, we find both direction and peace.

L: We are being built into a spiritual house.

P: Christ is our cornerstone and our hope.

L: Come, let us worship the risen Lord

P: Who walks with us and leads us home.

† OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, When life feels uncertain, our hearts grow restless. We want guarantees. We want control. We want to know what comes next. But You call us first to trust. Teach us again that faith is not about having every answer, but about walking with the One who is faithful. Steady our anxious hearts. Clear our distracted minds. And help us hear Your voice above the noise. As we worship today, draw us closer to Christ; the Way, the Truth, and the Life, AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory UMH #577

† 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 My Tribute UMH #99

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 2:2-10 // John 14:1-14

MESSAGE “I Am the Way” Misunderstood Expectations of God

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH p. 13

† CLOSING HYMN How Great Thou Art UMH #77

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Reflection: Not every voice deserves your trust. Learn to recognize the One that leads to life.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

- 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 31st.

- May 5 – Sprucetown's Administrative Board and Trustees meeting 7pm. We are looking for more people to help do the business of the church. Consider attending the meeting.

- May 6 – St. James UMC's Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Ad Board at 7pm. We welcome new people to join us to do the work of the church. Consider attending the meeting with us.

- May 7 & 21 – 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.

- May 8-15 – Pastor Theresa is on vacation. For urgent pastoral care, contact Pastor Jim Jacobs at 814-571-5046.

- May 10 – Happy Mother's Day! Ruth Hocker, Lay Leader for our District, serves the pulpit at Trinity Woodward and Rev. Dr. Michael Stine serves the pulpits of St. James and Sprucetown.

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

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