

Penns Valley Charge U.M.C. Worship Service for Sunday, September 20, 2020

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing of God's mercy and grace.

P: Sing of God's strength and might.

L: Praise God with laughter and joy.

P: Praise God with feasting and dance.

L: For God protects the lowly and avenges the misdeeds of the mighty.

P: God brings forth justice and righteousness, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, renew our minds with the power of your Holy Spirit. Cleanse our spirits with the mercy of your grace. Bring us into fellowship with one another and grant us courage to defend the lowly. Part the waters of our troubled thoughts, that we might see others as you see them. Protect us with your powerful hand, that we might sing of your faithfulness and dance to your glory. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE God Provides Manna

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – Offering plate located at the sanctuary entrance

JOYS AND CONCERNS - PASTORAL PRAYER (*The Lord's Prayer "trespass"*)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16, Jonah 3:10-4:11

MESSAGE "Is It Right for You to Be Angry?"

HYMN: #435 O God of Every Nation UMH

COMMISSION & BLESSING

Messages are available by phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 and updated weekly.

Services are also available online starting early morning Sundays at www.PennsValleyParish.info

Worship is being held in person with necessary precautions:

8:30am at Trinity UMC, Woodward

9:45am at St. James UMC, Coburn

11am at Sprucetown UMC, Spring Mills

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BIBLE STUDY: What is It?

Read [Exodus 16:2-15](#)

- The last two weeks, we saw mighty acts of deliverance by God on behalf of the Hebrew people. What do you imagine has taken place for the people now to be grumbling against Moses and Aaron (16:2)? [Six weeks in the wilderness and unsure of where the next meal would come from could make any of us hungry and scared.]
- Why is it fitting for the manna to be given daily? [Reinforces the need for daily dependence.] How did God provide such that they could keep the Sabbath? Why was that so important? [It reinforces the need for rest and a time to reflect on God as provider.]
- How is “manna” (or literally “what is it”) a fitting description for this bread-like substance? [It seemed to defy their expectations.] How can the question, “What is it that God is doing among us?” provide us nourishment on our journey?
- If a friend asked you tomorrow, “What is God doing now?” how would you answer?
- How can you express your gratitude this week for what God has done and is doing among us?

CLOSING PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for how you provide for us. Forgive us when we fail to see how you are at work and see only what is lacking. Equip us to be the people who display gratitude and generosity through our words and deeds. Amen.