

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 15, 2021 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost
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* Not available in the pre-recorded service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 18 & 19 – Mission InSite Training for church leadership will be offered at 1pm Aug 18th and Aug 19th at 6:30pm. Current and future leaders are encouraged to attend one of the Zoom trainings or to watch the recording prior to the September 7th board meeting. Learn more at PennsValleyParish.info under Connect & Learn and All Classes & Courses or contact Pastor.

CENTERING WORDS Whoever comes to Christ will never hunger. Whoever believes in him will never thirst. Blessed be the bread of life and the living water.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, be nourished by the words and witness of Jesus Christ.

P: He came that we might know of God's absolute, steadfast love for us.

L: Receive the gift of the Bread of Life and hunger no more.

P: We are grateful for Jesus Christ, who has given to us this magnificent gift.

L: Come, let us worship and rejoice!

P: Let us sing our praises to God. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living bread, that having been nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing United Methodist Hymnal #333

*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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE O Be Careful *Living a spirit-filled life will glorify God*

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 6:51-58, Ephesians 5:15-20

MESSAGE Days of Overflow

*CLOSING HYMN God Be with You till We Meet Again United Methodist Hymnal #672

COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Giving Thanks

Read: [Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

- Why and how do commercials and advertisements try to create within us a constant need for more products? [Otherwise, we won't see a need for the products. Advertisers promise our lives will be better and happier, once we obtain these products. The improvement is only temporary, since a better version of the products will appear soon to create more desire. On and on the cycle continues of people not being satisfied to being temporarily satisfied, and back to not being satisfied.]
- How might listing things we are grateful for on a continual (daily) basis be a beneficial spiritual practice?
- What might it look like for you to be "careful" about how you live? How might mindful or spiritual practices like prayer, Scripture reading, journaling, and other practices develop a "careful" or attentive way of living?
- What might Paul have in mind by observing that "the days are evil" (v. 16)? [This probably includes things such as not living carefully or being inattentive to God and what God is doing in the world. To be wise, then (v. 15), is to live more attentively to the values of God's kingdom.]
- How might intentionally noticing and expressing gratitude be a core discipleship practice that builds up us as individuals and becomes a unifying feature of our community life in the church? [We would become more aware of how grateful we are for one another in how we support and challenge one another to be more intentional in our care for one another and for the needs of those around us.]

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Loving God, you invite us to a new way of being – a way of self-giving and generosity that seems scary. It is a way of life that radically trusts your provisions. Help us to experience true life in giving instead of through getting. Help us to live in such a way that others experience new life that comes solely by your grace. Amen.

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