

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 18, 2021 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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CENTERING WORDS May our lives be an honor and glory to God, who is our hope and our salvation.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From far and near, we gather together,

P: called to unity in Christ.

L: Built into one body,

P: we are the dwelling place of God.

L: May God guide our steps and direct our ways,

P: that we may reveal God's love in word and deed.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, flow through our worship. Dwell in us this day and all days. Speak through our words, breathe into our thoughts, and gather us together as one community of faith. Build us together on the foundation that is ours in Christ Jesus our cornerstone. Flow through our days, that we may be reflections of your presence. In your holy name, we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN Near to the Heart of God *United Methodist Hymnal* #472

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 Rest in Jesus

(TRINITY – Baptism of Willow Zierlein)

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 NRSV

MESSAGE Snacking vs. The Full Meal Deal

CLOSING HYMN One Bread, One Body *United Methodist Hymnal* #620

COMMISSION & BLESSING

PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept 13 – **Penns Valley Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee** meets 7pm at Faith UMC

Oct 15 & 16 - **The Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course** will be offered Friday, Oct. 15th from 6:30-9pm and Sat., Oct. 16th 9am-5pm at Grace UMC in Centre Hall. Pastor Theresa will lead the training. Course topics such as servant and spiritual leadership, caring ministries, basic communication skills, sharing your faith and leading meetings will enhance your knowledge and skill as a leader. This course is not designed to prepare you to preach. Those who have gifts for preaching may take the advanced course on preaching after this course. The course is \$25 and includes the participant's booklet, refreshments for both sessions and lunch on Saturday. Completion certificates will be given at the Laity Celebration Service Oct. 17th 3pm at Faith UMC, Bellefonte. Register online at PennsValleyParish.info or let Pastor Theresa know. Checks: Penns Valley Charge UMC.

Nov. 21 – **The Penns Valley Charge/Church Conference** will be held Sunday, November 21st at 2:15pm at St. James UMC. Church members are encouraged to attend to do the business of the church. Conference reports and information will be available prior the conference. Please read through the packet prior to the conference as there will not be time to do so then.

BIBLE STUDY: He Is Our Peace

Read [Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

- Part of the human condition is to instinctively think of people in terms of in-groups and out-groups. Who is part of our “in” group and who is in the “out” group for us? Who are the two groups in this passage? [Circumcised – Jews; and uncircumcised – Gentiles.] What do we learn about the differences between these groups from this passage? Are there other differences you are aware of?
- Since these two groups were seen as drastically different, how revolutionary would Paul’s ideas of reconciliation have seemed to his readers (vv. 13-14)?
- How would you have thought about this if you were one of the circumcised Jews? How would you have thought about this if you were one of the uncircumcised Gentiles?
- In verse 22, Paul notes that we are “dwelling place for God” as we are being built together. How might we demonstrate this way of living in our churches and toward our communities?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Reconciling God, we confess that have fallen into artificial lines of separation. Guide us to see the boundaries where you place them and not necessarily assume that you place them in ways that are comfortable to us. When we are uncertain, help us to lean into your strong arms of grace. Amen.