

Order of Worship for Sunday, September 26, 2021 – Ingredient #4: Perseverance

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- Trinity UMC in Woodward invite you to a Hayride and Potluck Picnic TODAY Sept. 26th at 3pm. Bring a covered dish to share at the pavilion. Table service and beverages provided. We will begin loading the wagons at 3pm and eat when we return from the trip through the countryside. (Raindate Oct. 3)
- Historical Paradise Church Cemetery Assn meeting Tuesday 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn. Any who are interested in the care and ongoing support of the historic site are welcome to attend.
- Oct. 3rd is World Communion Sunday with Edie Hertzog. Special Offering envelopes available near the offering plate.
- Have coffee with Pastor Theresa Oct. 6th at IngleBean Café in Millheim starting at 9am.
- Pastor Theresa on vacation Sept 30-Oct 3, Rev. Deb Dailey covering urgent need 570-541-9074
- Potluck Dinner & Comedy Night, Nov. 7th. All are invited to bring a covered dish to share and be ready to eat at 5:30pm then watch the comedy DVD “Thou Shalt Laugh” at Sprucetown Church, 177 Upper Georges Valley Road, Spring Mills!

CENTERING WORDS Jesus endured the cross that I might finish the race laid out for me.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Are any among you suffering? Then let us pray.

P: Are any cheerful? Then let us sing songs of praise.

L: Are any among you sick? Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.

P: The prayer of faith will save us, and God will lift us up.

† OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, God, for though you do as you please, your pleasure is justice with compassion. We worship you, God, for though you choose your servants as you wish, you elect people who are called to serve all in obedience to you, in your timing. We are awed by the powers of nature but assured that there is no force or being that can overpower you. We are most grateful that you make yourself known to us through the healing and saving power of Jesus Christ, our Leader and Friend. Amen. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past United Methodist Hymnal #117

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 Pass the Salt Based on Mark 9:38-50

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:1-2 // Philippians 2:5-7

MESSAGE Press On

CLOSING HYMN Amazing Grace United Methodist Hymnal #378

CLOSING THOUGHT: Adding Perseverance to Self-Control

Think: There is too much at stake to give up on my faith.

Feel: Jesus endured the cross that I might finish the race laid out for me.

Do: Eliminate things in your life that can be stumbling blocks to a full life.

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Power of Prayer

Read: [James 5:13-20](#).

- What is possible for prayer to achieve, according to this passage? Do you share James' confidence about prayer?
- Note the communal aspect of prayer cited in this passage. We should call for others to pray for us (v. 14). Healing and forgiveness were means toward being more fully present in community. We should pray for one another (v. 16). Those who wander from the community are brought back together (vv. 19-20).
- Often, people focus on the words that will be said in prayer. However, one definition of prayer is, "Intentionally being in the presence of God." How might this understanding of prayer help relieve the burden of having the "right" words for prayer?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Almighty God, part of your call for us to pray is a reminder that we are in a dependent relationship with you. We acknowledge that we don't always know the words to pray and that even our most articulate prayers are requests or petitions for your healing presence that would form us into your beloved community. Amen.

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