

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 10, 2021 – Ingredient #5: Godliness  
Theresa M. Heiser, Pastor Visit the charge site at [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
Listen to the message 24/7 at 814-422-6238. Visit [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info) for more details!

- Have coffee with the Pastor Thursday at Earlstown Diner, Centre Hall at 9:30am
- Fall Bazaar at Sprucetown Church Saturday 9a-2p. Crafts, gently used items and free gently used coats, hats, and other winter gear, 177 Upper Georges Valley Road, Spring Mills. (Donations of gently used items accepted Friday night 6-8pm at Sprucetown Church.)
- Lay Speaker and Lay Servant Appreciation Service will be hosted at Faith UMC, Bellefonte Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Come and celebrate those whom God has called to serve and pray for those yet to answer the call.
- Potluck Dinner and Comedy Night is Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at Sprucetown Church! Bring a dish to share ready to eat at 5:30pm. After the meal we will watch “Thou Shalt Laugh”. Open to everyone!

CENTERING WORDS I can train myself to live more in line with Christ.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: It was easy to come to worship this morning.

**P: We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service.**

L: How hard it is to enter God’s kingdom.

**P: We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.**

L: Get ready. God is waiting for you.

**P: Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Forward Through the Ages United Methodist Hymnal #555

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 **The God of the Impossible** *With God, all things are possible*

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Timothy 4:8 // Titus 2:11-13

MESSAGE More and More Like Jesus

Point #1 Saturate yourself in the things of God

Point #2 Now AND Later

Point #3 Jesus teaches us how to live

CLOSING HYMN Blest Be the Tie That Binds United Methodist Hymnal #557

COMMISSION & BLESSING

**Think:** I can train myself to live more in line with Christ.

**Feel:** I have been given everything I need by the Spirit of God to live a Godly life.

**Do:** Practice spiritual disciplines to train your heart and mind.

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Bitter Complaints

Read: [Job 23:1-9; 16-17](#)

Draw or color an image that represents being deserted. Or using your device, find images that represent feelings of being deserted. Think about times you have felt deserted.

According to Job 23:1-7, what are Job's desires?

- If you could ask God any question, what would it be?
- Which word(s) best describe your relationship with God?
- How is it possible that we affirm that God constantly desires to draw us closer in relationship and that God seems to hide from us?
- Who do you know who might feel alone (and/or is full of bitter complaints)? How might you reach out to them (and be present without being preachy)?
- Many saints of the church, including Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. John of the Cross, have attested to long periods of feeling deserted by God. Have you had a similar experience? What can be gained by such times?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

*Covenant God, sometimes we are tempted to believe because of our pain and suffering that we are alone. During such times, help us to recognize your abiding presence. Give us discerning eyes and ears to notice when others feel alone or are in pain. Amen.*

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