

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 21, 2021 – Harvest Home & Christ the King Sunday  
For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God’s Word and offer praise and  
worship as we strengthen each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

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!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY: Our annual charge conference when full members of the churches gather with the District Superintendent for Holy Conferencing involving church reports and next year’s officers. Please arrive by 2pm to allow time to sign in, get your conference packet and find a seat. St. James Coburn is located on Main Street in front of the post office. Arrive earlier if you have not previewed the information yet.
- TONIGHT The Penns Valley Community Thanksgiving service will be hosted at Faith Alive Fellowship starting at 6pm. Pastor Theresa and Pastor Mike Covalt will offer the message. There will be an volunteer choir. If you would like to sing, please arrive for rehearsal at 5:30pm. There will be refreshments following the service.
- Advent Study: The Heart That Grew Three Sizes Monday Nov. 22 10am at Sprucetown UMC. [Online study begins Thursday, Dec. 2 6:30-8pm, register at [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)]
- Gingerbread House decorating party is Wed., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$35. Sign up on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info).
- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES; 3pm at Sprucetown UMC, 6pm at St. James UMC, Coburn

CENTERING WORDS “Thanksgiving focuses our attention on God rather than our circumstances.”

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

**Many: Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!**

One: Our lives should be witnesses to God’s goodness and power.

**Many: Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God’s people.**

One: Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today’s world, O Lord.

**Many: Enable us to be faithful and strong for you.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name.**

**Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name.**

**AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come United Methodist Hymnal #694

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 Crown Him King Based on John 18:37

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:6-7 // Matthew 6:25-34

MESSAGE Thanksgiving, Despite Adversity

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (Responsively)

God has spoken and is speaking still.

**Bring forth the reign of Christ!**

The Word is alive and active, moving fast in our world.

**Bring forth the reign of Christ!**

As God's children, we are called to live these truths.

**Bring forth the reign of Christ!**

CLOSING HYMN All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine United Methodist Hymnal #166

COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Everyone Who Belongs

Read [John 18:33-37](#).

- Begin by naming the distinctions between Pilate, the Roman representative to the region, and Jesus.
- Do you think Jesus' declaration that his kingdom is not from this world would have confused Pilate, relieved Pilate (because Jesus would no longer be a threat), or made him more hostile against Jesus?
- What might it mean for Jesus' kingdom to not be of this world?
- Jesus ends this part of the conversation by switching themes to truth. How is living in God's kingdom related to living in the truth?
- How can living in the truth of God's kingdom help us to live a life that matters?

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