

Order of Worship for Sunday, June 26, 2022 – Series: “Called In”

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For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God’s Word and offer praise and worship, strengthening each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS Mentors are essential to our growth, especially in matters of faith, because Jesus Christ commissions us to become those who “hear the word of God and do it”.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Spirit is here,

P: inviting us to worship.

L: The Spirit is here,

P: in each of our lives.

L: The Spirit is here,

P: guiding us together in love, peace and patience.

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we want to follow you wherever you lead. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power that we may faithfully be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Hail to the Lord’s Anointed UMH #203

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 Holding On to Jesus Luke 9:51-62

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord’s Prayer “trespass”)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:1, 13-25 // 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

MESSAGE Called to Connection

† CLOSING HYMN Send Forth by God's Blessing UMH #664

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

SELF-STUDY based on Luke 8:26-39 and 1 Kings 19:1-15

Do you find it surprising how God encounters Elijah in a still small voice (19:12)? Why or why not?

Why do we find it so hard to be still?

How is being intentionally attentive to God connected with the ability to be intentionally attentive to others?

How do we see madness in the part of the story when Jesus encounters the man among the tombs? How do we see madness in the people who encounter the man with Jesus now "in his right mind"? How might we experience madness through inattention or scatteredness?

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 28 – State College District presents Listening Sessions – This is your opportunity to offer input and help strategically plan as together we strive to effectively make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of lives and the world. Your Conference Superintendent, the District Leadership Team and District Lay Ministry Team will use your responses to strategically plan for best practices for supporting, equipping, and resourcing our clergy and churches. Pastor Theresa asks that you prayerfully consider investing in our church with your attendance. Our Listening Session is June 28, 2022 – 6:30 pm - State College & Penns Valley Clusters at Park Forest Village, 1833 Park Forest Ave, State College, PA 16803.
- July 3 – Celebrate our Independence, *living freely in dependence upon God*, with Holy Communion and a very special message from Pastor Theresa!
- July 6 – St. James UMC Trustees meet at 6:30pm and Ad Board meets at 7pm.
- July 7 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!
- July 18 – 22 – Due to Course of Study that week, Pastor Theresa will not be readily available. Please call and leave a message or email and she will respond as soon as possible. Thank you.
- August 19-27 – Grange Fair
- August 21 – Susan Johnson, certified lay speaker, will serve Trinity Woodward, St. James Coburn and Sprucetown.

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