

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 24, 2022 – Called to Belonging  
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
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 The past can haunt us. God erases our transgressions and makes room for us to  
be a new creation.

## SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The goodness of God has called us here!

**P: We are recipients of God's gracious love.**

L: Though we have not always done what is right in God's sight;

**P: Yet God is merciful and forgiving.**

L: Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God.

**P: Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully in your sight.**

### † OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of Hope and Peace, we have come this day asking for your mercy. Grant us your pardon. We  
have come this day seeking peace in our lives; grant us peace. Teach us how to be compassionate  
disciples for you. For we ask this in Christ's name. AMEN.**

### † OPENING HYMN Let There Be Light UMH #440

## 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 Knock, Knock. Who's There? Luke 11:1-13

### RESPONSE TO THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;**

**we are his new creation by water and the Word.**

**From heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be**

**his living servant people, by his own death set free.**

**We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,**

**and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.**

**Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 18:20-32 // Colossians 2:6-15

MESSAGE Called to Belonging

† CLOSING HYMN Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound UMH #378

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S CALL EVENT - You are invited to explore various pastoral ministry paths and discern the next steps in God's call for you. We are excited to welcome Gary Shockley as he presents "A Contemplative Stance for Starting New Things." This "fresh expressions" leadership training will offer you ideas and insights that you can take back to your church. Join our Zoom call on Saturday, August 6 (9 AM to 1:30 PM) and begin this new learning about your opportunities to follow Jesus in more ways. **REGISTER by August 1.** <https://susumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Reg-Form-GCE-Aug-2022.pdf>. [Note the end time on the registration form says 2pm, but all other information states 1:30pm.]

- Aug. 4 & 18 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!
- July 24-28; 6-8:15pm at Centre Hall Lions Club Park – Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through 5th grade. The Centre Hall Council of Churches host this opportunity for your kids to learn about how God provides for us as we sing, dance, play games, make crafts, and have a great time! A free dinner for all attendees will be held at 5:30pm each night proceeding VBS. For more information, registration and contact details, visit [GraceCentreHall.org](http://GraceCentreHall.org).
- Aug. 4 & 18 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!
- August 19-27 – Grange Fair
- August 28 – Blessing of the Backpacks; students, faculty, staff, bring your bags for blessing and receive a gift to remind you through the school year that you are blessed and loved!

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