Order of Worship for Sunday, September 18, 2022 Emerging Heroes: The Source of Hero Authority Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: 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 best leaders look into the soul of a person and say, 'I see what you could be, and my role is to bring that out of you." – Derwin Gray

#### SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our world is hurting in every way:

P: injustice in the shadows, injustice in broad daylight,

L: worship of wealth, worship of doctrine,

P: homeless people under freeways,

L: hungry children in our schools,

P: stolen pensions, destabilized nations,

L: politicians wined and dined, judges wooed and won,

P: exploding grenades, cherished grudges.

L: Is there any medicine to heal us? Is there any physician?

P: Help us, God of our salvation! Help us!

## † OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, your people are suffering. Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing. Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort. Where there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities. Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope, the One we turn to in times of trouble. In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN This Is My Song UMH #437

# 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 Dishonest Manager Based on Luke 16:1-13

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:18-22 // Matthew 28:8-20 // John 1:44-51

MESSAGE The Source of Hero Authority

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

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS - Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

- TODAY Fall Hayride and Potluck Picnic hosted by Trinity UMC, Woodward. All are welcome! Bring a covered dish to share. Table service and beverages provided. We start loading wagons at 3pm and will have our picnic dinner at around 5pm. (Raindate: September 25, same time)
- September 19 Trinity UMC Adm. Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm
- September 21 PV Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting 7pm at Faith UMC, Spring Mills
- Pastor Theresa will be on vacation September 26-28.
- September 27 Soup Kitchen at St. James. Please contact Paula Smith for more information.
- September 28-30 Pastor Theresa is attending Leadership Institute 2022, will check email & messages.
- October 6 Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!
- October 4 Pastor Theresa and Randy Muthersbaugh attending State College District Retreat.
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- October 23 Penns Valley Cluster Pulpit Swap Guest Speaker: Randy Muthersbaugh at Trinity, St. James and Sprucetown; Pastor Deb Dailey at Faith. Pastor Theresa visits Grace, Centre Hall.
- CHANGE OF DATE: Our Charge Conference is now October 26 at 6:30pm hosted by Sprucetown UMC. Full church members, led by our District Superintendent Rev. Brenda Leigey, will attend to holy conferencing to approve reports, officers and more for the past and coming year. Full members shall vote. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bishops: Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball Conf. Website: susumc.org The Penns Valley Charge is part of the Penns Valley Cluster; State College District; Susquehanna Annual Conference; Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

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