

Order of Worship Laity Sunday, October 16, 2022

We celebrate the ministry of all Christians - Emerging Heroes: Influence of Hero Making

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 "And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them." - Matthew 15:30

## SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are all invited to God's nearness in Jesus Christ.

**P: We know Jesus is God's grace for the life of the world.**

L: We look for grace revealed in our togetherness and in the lives those beyond our church walls.

**P: We know our together life in Christ is never gated or exclusive.**

L: In every place, we discover what it means to be faithful – with you – to make all things new.

**P: And we hear your invitation to help heal and repair the world's shattered wholeness.**

† OPENING PRAYER *by Charles Wesley, 1742*

**"Help us to help each other, Lord, each other's cross to bear;**

**let all their friendly aid afford, and feel each other's care.**

**Help us to build each other up, our meager gifts improve,**

**increase our faith, confirm our hope, and perfect us in love." AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God UMH #405

## 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 We Work Hard Based on 2 Thessalonians 3:13

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Romans 12:6-8 // 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and 12:27-31 // Ephesians 4:11-12

## MESSAGE The Influence of Hero Making

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastor: We ask for your help, O God, to recognize and respond to your nearness in our own struggles and in the cries of others. With the psalmist, we know that we can never escape your presence; you are right beside us. Jesus, help us here.

**People: God, we trust you are close.**

Pastor: Jesus, help us *hear*.

**People: God, we know you are calling us.**

Pastor: Jesus, help us heal.

**People: God, mend our brokenness; bring our neighbors wholeness.**

Pastor: Jesus, help us help.

**People: God, send us to those who need grace today.**

Pastor: O God, we are your people, near and here to help.

**All: Amen.**

† CLOSING HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH #593

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

Harvest Home Food Pantry non-perishables will be collected through November 20th.

- **Today is the LAST day to make known what office you are willing to serve in 2023.** The officers list is available for review. Thank you for prayerfully considering servant leadership!

- October 16 – Egg Hill Church Homecoming Service is at 2pm

- October 20 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James UMC 9:30am, all ladies welcome!

- October 23 – Penns Valley Cluster Pulpit Swap; Randy Muthersbaugh at Trinity, St. James and Sprucetown; Deb Dailey at Faith. Pastor Theresa visits Grace, Centre Hall.

- October 24 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter SPRC meeting 7pm at St. James UMC, Coburn

- October 25 – Soup Kitchen at St. James UMC Contact: Paula Smith

- **October 26 - Our Charge Conference is now October 26 6:30pm hosted by Sprucetown UMC.** Full church members will attend to holy conferencing, led by our District Superintendent, to approve reports, officers and more. All are welcome. Full members may vote.

- October 29 – Halloween Open House at St. James UMC, Coburn 11am-1pm with treats, crafts, food and more! Anyone who would like to decorate a pew and give out treats is welcome to join the fun!

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