

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, July 16, 2023 Mindset Inventories Series
Church: Affirmation or Conviction & Me: Fear or Courage
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
For the transformation of the world, we study God's Word in context to be equipped to live Jesus' Way.

CENTERING WORDS Jesus wants to nourish the soil of our lives with goodness, courage, hope, and love so that we may grow in His word and way.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....

P: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....

L: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

P: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

L: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....

P: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

L: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!

P: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root.

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. This day we have gathered, coming from a week of unexpected happenings and events which have surprised us. Make us ready to become stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People Come UMH #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.

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN Hymn of Promise UMH #707

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 The Message // Romans 8:1-11 NASB

MESSAGE: Perfect Seed

Our Church has a ... Affirmation Mindset – We need our pastor to provide an affirming message we can feel good about. – **OR** – **Conviction Mindset** – We need our pastor to provide a convicting message that will produce a good harvest in and through us.

As individuals making our way through life ...

I have a ... Fear Mindset – If I'm uncomfortable or scared, I withdraw and seek safety. – **OR** – **Courage Mindset** – I regularly face my fears and push past them with God's help.

† CLOSING HYMN The Church of Christ, in Every Age UMH #589

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

God's Call Workshop - Explore various pastoral ministry paths, discern the next steps in God's call for you in small breakout groups, visit with seminary reps, and hear call stories across our conference, and gain resources to take back home Saturday, August 5 (9am - 2pm) at Linglestown Life Church (1430 N Mountain Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112), cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by August 1. The forms are available near the bulletins and on our website. Find where God is calling you next!

July 17 – Trinity Trustees and Ad Board meeting at 7pm. All are welcome.

July 17-21 – Pastor Theresa attending course of study.

July 20 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All are welcome.

July 22-28 – Pastor is on vacation. Urgent pastoral needs to Randy Muthersbaugh, 814-470-9828.

July 23 – Certified Lay Speaker, Edie Hertzog, serves the pulpit.

JULY 30 – Penns Valley Charge wide Praise & Worship & Picnic –Join us at Trinity in Woodward at 10:30am for a service of renewal and rebirth including the release of 48 butterflies. Bring a lawn chair for comfy seating and a covered dish to share. Lemonade, water, and table service provided. We will move inside if the weather is poor.

August 3 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All are welcome.

August 18 – 26 – Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair, Centre Hall

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