

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, July 23, 2023 Pulpit Guest: Edie Hertzog
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.

WELCOME

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, the fears and hatred which seem to abound.

P: For what can we hope?

L: We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

P: God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.

L: Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

P: Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope and peace. AMEN.

† OPENING PRAYER

We are such a rag-tag group of people. Some of us are at the “top of our game” and others just struggle to get through each day. Yet you draw us here where we will find friendship, peace, and hope not only for our lives right now but for all the times to come. Stand us up again, O God. Dust us off and put us back on the pathways of service and reconciliation. Warm our hearts with your love; lift our spirits with your power, for we ask these things in the Name of Jesus our Savior. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH #454

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. CCLI #1671542

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer “trespass”) – *We reconcile with God our joy & concerns.*

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST – *We reconcile with each other.*

HYMN Near to the Heart of God UMH #472

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 32:6-11 // Psalm 46:1-11

MESSAGE: Finding Selah Moments

† CLOSING HYMN Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH #474

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

How are you called to serve the church in 2024? We are beginning the process of nominating officers for the coming year for a vote at our fall charge conference, date tba. An officer's list will be shared soon. In the meantime, pray over how you may be called to serve. If you have questions, talk with Pastor Theresa.

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

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 & 17 – 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

September 3 – Sprucetown Ad Council and Trustees meeting 7pm, all are welcome.

September 6 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm and Ad Board starting at 7pm, all are welcome.

September 7 & 21 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation at St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All are welcome.

September 18 – Trinity Trustees and Ad Board meet at 7pm, all are welcome.

September 19 – Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Assn meets at 7pm at St. James in Coburn

September 20 – 3rd Quarter PV Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee meets 7pm at St. James

September 27 – Paradise Cemetery Work Day, volunteers needed, begins at 8:30am

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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