

Order of Worship for Sunday, Sunday, July 30, 2023 PV Charge Wide Worship Service
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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Romans 12)

One: In mutual compassion and authentic love...

Many: we gather as the family of God.

One: We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives. . .

Many: to build up this community of faith.

One: We bring our songs of gratitude and joy. . .

Many: to bless God with our worship and praise.

† OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come in search of you and your loving wisdom. Come to us and gather us in your love. Mold us into a community of compassion that is strengthened by the unity and power of your Holy Spirit. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

MESSAGE We Shall Be Transformed Selected Scripture: Matthew 5:1-11

BLESSING OF THE BUTTERFLIES (From *Messenger of God* by Kathryn Poland)

Oh, Little Butterfly, Messenger of God,

When I see you in the sky I cannot help but nod.

You bring me respite from grief and despair

Every time I see you sailing through the air.

You renew my faith in all God's wondrous plan,

And I know it's all in FAITH, not in what I understand. Amen & Amen!

- BUTTERFLY RELEASE

HYMN This Is a Day of New Beginnings UMH #383

† BENEDICTION & MEAL BLESSING

What does the Butterfly teach us?

The butterfly is not mentioned in scriptures, but the metamorphosis that a caterpillar goes through is a perfect illustration for the story of the Christian life and resurrection. The butterfly starts life as a caterpillar; then enters a stage so dormant that it appears lifeless in a tomb-like cocoon; finally, a beautiful, winged creature appears. Christians lead a life on earth, enter death, and will see eternal life through Jesus Christ. “For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.” - 1 Corinthians 15:52

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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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