

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 13, 2023

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 called to his friends as they were rocked by fear: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Find shalom rest in the midst of daily anxiety.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

P: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

L: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

P: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

L: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

P: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God.

† OPENING PRAYER

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead.
AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Stand by Me UMH #512

† 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 - PASTORAL PRAYER (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN Onward, Christian Soldiers UMH #575

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 // Romans 10:5-15 // Matthew 14:22-33

MESSAGE Get Out of the Boat, Spiritually

† CLOSING HYMN How Shall They Hear the Word of God UMH #649

† 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, October 18th 7pm at Sprucetown UMC. We need someone to serve as a Lay Member at the Annual Conference May 30-June 1, 2024. If you have questions, talk with Pastor Theresa.

August 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 5 – 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 16 - All the ladies in the Penns Valley Charge churches are invited to a tea party Saturday, September 16th at 2pm hosted at Sprucetown UMC, 177 Upper Georges Valley Road, Spring Mills. Enjoy teas and refreshments, games and fun together! RSVP by September 2nd by contacting Tami Spotts at 814-280-5480 or email tamis1995@yahoo.com

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 – Veggie chopping in preparation for soup, 1:30pm at St. James UMC

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

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

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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