

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 20, 2023

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 study God's Word in context to be equipped to live Jesus' Way.

CENTERING WORDS For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. – Jeremiah 29:11

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather here this day to hear God's word for us.

**P: We praise God for the opportunity to gather.**

L: We are sent forth from this place to share God's transforming love.

**P: Lord, encourage us and empower us to do your will.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**As summer draws to a close, we begin to focus our attention to the activities of autumn. For some it will mean preparing children for school; for others youth will be preparing to enter college or the work force or perhaps military service. Be with these precious ones as they embark on life's journeys. Be with each one of us as we encounter life's challenges. Open our hearts to receive your healing mercy and your transforming love. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Standing on the Promises of Christ My King UMH #374

† 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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH #526

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 43-45:15

MESSAGE Retaliation, Transformation, and Reconciliation

† CLOSING HYMN Something Beautiful (sing twice) UMH #394

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm hosted at Sprucetown UMC, 177 Upper Georges Valley Road, Spring Mills. Enjoy teas and refreshments, games and fun together! RSVP by September 2<sup>nd</sup> by contacting Tami Spotts at 814-280-5480 or email [tamis1995@yahoo.com](mailto: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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter PV Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee meets 7pm at St. James

September 24 – Fall Hayride and Picnic at Trinity UMC, Woodward. Hayride begins at 3pm and the picnic will follow. Bring a covered dish to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. All are welcome!

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

#### ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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Bishops: Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball Conf. Website: [susumc.org](http://susumc.org)

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