

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 27, 2023

The Journey Begins – Who Do You Say...?

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 When we give ourselves fully to God, God transforms our lives. In this transformation, God connects us to others whose lives are being transformed, as they too give themselves fully to God.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

P: We look around and wonder where God is.

L: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

P: God surrounds us with love and courage.

L: Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

P: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence.

† OPENING PRAYER

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN A Mighty Fortress is Our God UMH #110

† 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 Christ for the World We Sing UMH #568

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:1-20

MESSAGE Who Do You Say...?

† CLOSING HYMN The Church's One Foundation UMH #545

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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.

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

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. Enjoy teas and refreshments, games and fun together! RSVP by Sept 2nd to Tami Spotts at 814-280-5480 or email tamis1995@yahoo.com

September 18 – Trinity Trustees and Ad Board meet at 7pm.

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

September 20 – Veggie chopping 1:30pm at St. James UMC for Homecoming Parade soup

September 21 – Soup making at Old Gregg School in the morning, selling soup before, during and after the Homecoming parade at the Grange Fairgrounds. Contact Paula Smith 814-880-6023.

September 20 – 3rd 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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