

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 6, 2023 Communion Sunday
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

L: Welcome to worship.

P: Thank you. We're glad to be here.

L: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling

P: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

L: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring your souls.

P: Praise be to God who continually abides with us.

† OPENING PRAYER

In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH #496

† 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 – *We reconcile with each other.*

HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH #277

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-31 // Romans 9:1-5 // Matthew 14:13-21

MESSAGE: Wrestling with Alternatives

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH p. 12

- Confession and Pardon
- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer ("trespass")
- Giving the Bread and the Cup

† CLOSING HYMN One Bread, One Body UMH #620

† 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. 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.

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

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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