

Order of Worship for Sunday, September 3, 2023 The Journey Begins – Who Am I?
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 God speaks from burning bushes and souls on fire. May God grant us eyes to see and ears to hear, as we worship together.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

P: Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.

L: By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus.

P: By our example others may be led to lives of peace.

L: Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

P: Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents.

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord of summer sunshine and autumn harvest, be with us this day as we gather to encounter your word and your way for us. Remind us that we can place our trust in your eternal love. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. These things we pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Be Thou My Vision UMH #451

† 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 The Gift of Love UMH #408

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Exodus 3:1-15// Romans 12:9-21 // Matthew 16:1-20

MESSAGE Who Am I?

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH pg 13

- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Breaking the Bread
- Giving the Bread and Cup

† CLOSING HYMN Where He Leads Me UMH #338

† 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 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!

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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