

Order of Worship for August 18, 2024 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Year B  
Hear Pastor’s Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 Website: [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
For personal transformation, we study God’s Word to learn how we shall live, offer praise and worship  
and strengthen each other. For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.

CENTERING WORDS (From 1 Kings 2) A discerning mind is more to be desired than great wealth or long life. A heart that distinguishes good from evil is more to be sought than earthly power and prestige.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE The Sanctuary Song *Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.* (sing twice)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, be nourished by the words and witness of Jesus Christ.

**P: He came that we might know of God’s absolute, steadfast love for us.**

L: Receive the gift of the Bread of Life and hunger no more.

**P: We are grateful for Jesus Christ, who has given to us this magnificent gift.**

L: Come, let us worship and rejoice!

**P: Let us sing our praises to God. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living bread, that having been nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Take Time to Be Holy UMH #395

† 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”)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST – St. James UMC & Sprucetown UMC

HYMN OF PREPARATION Fill My Cup, Lord UMH #641 (sing 2x)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 // Ephesians 5:15-20 // John 6:51-58

MESSAGE Our Daily Bread: The Means to Eternal Wisdom

† CLOSING HYMN Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling UMH #348

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)

District Conference Gathering “Hands to the Plow”– You are invited to be part of the day as we organize our State College District of the Susquehanna Conference starting at 3pm Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mount Nittany UMC, 1500 E. Branch Road, State College. We will worship together, celebrate the ministry in our District, establish a new name for the district, affirm our District Committees and put “hands to the plow” as we move out in mission and ministry within our communities. Registration information is forthcoming. All clergy and laity are encouraged to attend.

August 16-24 – Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair – Attention campers, if you would like to hear the message from your tent or camper, call sermon by phone at 814-422-6238.

Grange Fair Sunday; the Penns Valley Mens’ Chorus performs for the service at 9am and the Pomona Grange church service is 7pm, both at the Southside Stage.

September 3 – Sprucetown Church Ad. Council and Trustees meeting at 7pm.

September 4 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm and Ad Board at 7pm.

September 5 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation begins at 9:30am at St. James UMC, Coburn. Ladies from the valley are invited to chat and have a wonderful time. You do not have to belong to this or any church.

September 16 – Trinity Trustees & Ad Board meeting 7pm

September 17 – Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Assn meeting 7pm at St. James

September 26 – St. James Homecoming Parade Soup Sale To help, contact Paula Smith.

September 29 – Trinity Church Fall Hayride and Picnic, all are invited, loading wagons at 3pm, bring a covered dish to share after the hayride at 5pm.

#### 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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