

Order of Worship for August 25, 2024 – 14<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 God’s light is shining. Christ’s love is flowing. The Spirit’s presence is here, sustaining and strengthening us.

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: Whom do you seek here in this place?

**P: We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.**

L: Who has told you of God?

**P: Jesus Christ, God’s Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.**

L: Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

**P: We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day.**

OPENING PRAYER

**In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN God is Here UMH #660

† 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 Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place UMH #328 (twice)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 // Ephesians 6:10-20 // John 6:56-69

MESSAGE Our Daily Bread: Eat to Live

† CLOSING HYMN Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus UMH #514

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

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

SAVE THE DATE: September 29 – Trinity Church Fall Hayride and Picnic, all in the Penns Valley Charge and community are invited. We begin loading wagons at 3pm, bring a covered dish to share after the hayride at 5pm. Plenty of picnic tables available. Hot dogs, beverages and table service provided. (Raindate is the following Sunday)

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 22 – “Hands to the Plow” District Conference Gathering 3pm at Mt. Nittany UMC. Registration information is forthcoming.

September 26 – St. James Homecoming Parade Soup Sale Volunteers contact Paula Smith.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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Our new Bishop beginning Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> is Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez Conf. Website: [susumc.org](http://susumc.org)

The Penns Valley Charge is part of the Penns Valley Cluster; State College District; Susquehanna Annual Conference; Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

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