

Order of Worship for August 4, 2024 – 11th Sunday After Pentecost, Year B, Holy Communion

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 does not want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible instruments of His love and grace to those around 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: Come, let us worship the Lord, who has not given us a spirit of fear.

**P: We come with hearts ready to receive His power, love, and a sound mind.**

L: Let us cast aside our anxieties and embrace the peace that surpasses all understanding.

**P: We come to find courage and strength in the presence of our God.**

L: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving, trusting in the One greater than our fear.

**P: We come to worship the Lord with joy and confidence. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and Loving God, we gather in Your holy presence with hearts full of gratitude and anticipation. You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.**

**Today, we come before You, seeking to overcome our fears with faith. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we might know Your power, experience Your love, and live with a sound mind. As we lift our voices in praise, may our worship be pleasing to You. Open our hearts to receive Your Word and transform our fears into unwavering trust in Your goodness and grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN There's Within My Heart a Melody UMH #380

† 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 Be Still, My Soul UMH #534

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 17:1-9 // 2 Timothy 1:3-14 NASB

MESSAGE Winning the Battle with Fear

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† CLOSING HYMN Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH #399

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

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

District Conference Gathering – You are invited to join in worship, celebration and holy conferencing 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 (especially Lay Representatives) are strongly encouraged to attend.

August 15 – 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.

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.

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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