

Order of Worship for September 29, 2024 – 19th Sunday After Pentecost, Year B
Hear Pastor’s Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 Website: 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.

Special Offering: We are collecting donations today in the marked container to support the
mission of the Historic Paradise Church Cemetery Association. Thank you.

CENTERING WORDS What are you living for? Living a good life means being on this earth for
a reason.

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: It’s a great day to be here.

P: There are so many things we can do to serve the Lord.

L: Just listen for God’s call to you. Let God guide your life.

P: We are willing to open our lives to God’s service.

L: Come, let’s worship and celebrate God’s good news for us.

P: Let us bring our hopes and prayers to God with joy.

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the
obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in
Christ’s Name. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past UMH #117

† 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 A Charge to Keep I Have UMH #413

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Mark 9:38-50 // James 5:13-20 // Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

MESSAGE A Good Cause

† CLOSING HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH #526

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT How many of us long for our lives to mean something, for us to have a good cause to stand for? A good cause is a critical essential if we want to live a good life.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
TODAY Sept 29 – All invited to Trinity UMC's (224 Trinity Ln, Woodward) Fall Hayride and Picnic, loading wagons at 3pm, bring a covered dish to share for the picnic at 5pm.

October 1 – Sprucetown UMC Ad Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm, all are welcome to attend

October 3 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation for all ladies in the valley 9:30am at St. James in Coburn

October 6 – Homecoming & World Communion Sunday; Guest Speaker Pastor Michael Stine at Trinity and St. James, Pastor Jim Jacobs at Sprucetown with roast turkey potluck lunch to follow

October 15 – Meet our new Bishop Hector Burgos Nunez 6:30-8pm at Faith UMC, Bellefonte

October 16 – Pastor Theresa attending the District Retreat, will answer messages after

October 27 – Edie Hertzog serving the pulpit. Pastor Theresa on vacation Oct. 22-28.

October 29 – Church Conference, 6:30pm at Faith UMC, 107 Two Steeples Lane, Spring Mills.

All are welcome to attend. Full members have voting privileges. Please sign up for your conference packet (sign up sheet near bulletins). Arrive early to look through the conferencing material. Additional information is available on the flyer on the bulletin board.

Christmas Eve Services are Dec. 24 at 3pm at Sprucetown UMC and 6pm at St. James UMC.

Invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us!

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