

Order of Worship for September 8, 2024 – 16th 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.

CENTERING WORDS There are no shortcuts or easy ways to the spiritual growth Jesus offers. It is only through genuine lived faith that we are able to accept it in spirit and in truth.

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: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

P: They talked and marveled about his miracles.

L: But they really didn't understand him.

P: They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.

L: Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

P: Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH #581

† 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 Wonderful Words of Life UMH #600

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 // James 2:1-10, 14-17 // John 6:56-69

MESSAGE Our Daily Bread: Hard to Swallow

† CLOSING HYMN He Touched Me UMH #367

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING - Prayer of Invitation to the Holy Spirit #335

O God, the Holy Spirit,

Come to us, and among us;

Come as the wind, and cleanse us;

Come as the fire, and burn;

Come as the dew, and refresh;

Convict, convert, and consecrate

Many hearts and lives

To our great good

And to Your greater glory;

And this we ask in Jesus Christ. Amen.

PARTING THOUGHT Jesus calls us to embrace the hard teachings, not ignore or avoid them, and to allow His words to challenge us and change us.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

September 16 – Trinity Trustees & Ad Board meeting 7pm

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

September 18 – PV Charge 3rd Quarter Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting 7pm at Trinity in Woodward. 2025 Pastoral compensation and charge conference forms will be discussed.

September 19 – 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 22 – “Hands to the Plow” District Conference Gathering 3pm at Mt. Nittany UMC.

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

September 29 – Trinity Woodward Church Fall Hayride and Picnic, loading wagons at 3pm, bring a covered dish to share for the picnic at 5pm. (Raindate is the following Sunday)

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

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