

Order of Worship for October 13, 2024 – 21st 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 Whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all, for the  
Human One came not to be served but to serve.

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 was easy to come to worship this morning.

**P: We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service.**

L: How hard it is to enter God’s kingdom.

**P: We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.**

L: Get ready. God is waiting for you.

**P: Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to  
the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our  
hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Trust and Obey UMH #467

† 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 Close to Thee UMH #407

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Hebrews 4:12-16 // Job 23:1-9, 16-17 // Mark 10:17-31

MESSAGE What Keeps You from Following?

† CLOSING HYMN Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult UMH #398

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT Let go of vying for first place. Take your proper place among all the wonders of God's good creation with gratitude, ready to serve one another in love.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
SAVE THE DATE: October 29th – Our Church Conference, 6:30pm at Faith UMC, 107 Two Steeples Lane, Spring Mills. Full members are encouraged to attend to vote on items that impact us now and in 2025. Anyone may attend, full members have voting privilege. Sign up for your conference packet on the form near the bulletins. Arrive early enough to look through the materials in preparation for voting.

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

October 16 – Pastor Theresa attending the District Retreat, will be checking phone/email

October 17 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation for all ladies 9:30am at St. James in Coburn

October 23 – 4th Quarter Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting 7pm at St. James in Coburn. The pastoral appointment letter and other business will be discussed.

October 27 – Edie Hertzog serving the pulpit. Pastor Theresa on vacation Oct. 24-28, 30-Nov. 1

November 7 - Ladies Coffee & Conversation for all ladies 9:30am at St. James in Coburn

November 10 – Sprucetown UMC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunch following worship. Bring a covered dish if you like and stay for lunch! Our Administrative Board and Trustees will meet after lunch.

November 25 – The Advent Book study “On the Way to Bethlehem” by Rob Fuquay begins. It runs 4 Mondays 7-8pm via Zoom. Registration is required by Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Details are on our site and the flyer on the bulletin board. The pastor recommends the book whether you do the study or not.

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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