

Order of Worship for October 20, 2024 – 22nd 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 What does it mean to actually carry your cross? Sometimes, like James and John, we have the wrong idea of what it means to follow Jesus.

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: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

P: So God pours God’s love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

L: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

P: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

P: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love UMH #432

† 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 Nothing but the Blood UMH #362

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Hebrews 5:1-10 // Job 38:1-7, 34-41 // Mark 10:35-45

MESSAGE Why Do You Need to Refocus?

† CLOSING HYMN Are Ye Able, Said the Master UMH #530

† COMMISSION AND BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. Amid our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

Harvest Home Food Drive – collecting non-perishables and food pantry donations through Harvest Home Sunday, November 24th

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 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 3 – All Saints Sunday – Bring a photo or memento of a saint who has gone to glory.

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

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

November 25 – Advent Book study “On the Way to Bethlehem” begins. It runs 4 Mondays 7-8pm via Zoom. Registration is required by Nov. 24th. Details at PennsValleyParish.info

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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