

Order of Worship Sunday, June 15, 2025 Trinity Sunday, Series - Built to Last Series
Lessons in Resilient Discipleship // Week 1 How to Sit with Discomfort: Staying, When It Hurts
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see this symbol.

CENTERING WORDS Can you stay present when everything in you wants to flee? Jesus taught His disciples, and us, how to sit with discomfort and grow stronger in the stillness.

† SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE (The Sanctuary Song, twice) *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true, with thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all who are weary and burdened.

P: We come to find rest and renewal.

L: Sit with Christ, who sat in suffering.

P: We will learn to remain, even when it hurts.

L: We have great joy in Christ our Lord who calls and heals us.

P: For a while we bemoaned our sufferings,

L: Yet we are reminded that suffering produces endurance.

P: Endurance produces character.

L: Character produces hope.

P: And Hope does not disappoint us.

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, in our discomfort, may we not run but remain. As Jesus knelt in Gethsemane, so may we learn to sit with suffering, trusting Your will and presence. Make us faithful companions to others who suffer, as You are to us. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN How Firm a Foundation UMH #529

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 - (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 Job 2:11-13 // Mark 14:32-42 // 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 // Romans 5:1-5

MESSAGE How to Sit with Discomfort, Staying When It Hurts

- Job's friends began with silent solidarity focused on him, then fell into disruptive discomfort when they began to focus on themselves. Read Job 3-29 for understanding.
- Jesus in Gethsemane: Staying awake I sorrow "Stay here and keep watch with Me."
- Treasure in clay jars: The Power of Endurance "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed."

† CLOSING HYMN It Is Well with My Soul UMH #377

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Discipleship is not proven by how fast we run, but by how faithfully we remain. Where is God inviting you to stay present, even when it hurts?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

June 19th – Ladies Coffee and Conversation, 9:30am at St. James UMC. All ladies welcome!

July 2 – St. James Trustees meeting at 6:30pm, administrative board at 7pm. If you are not able to be at the meeting, please let Paula Smith know in advance. Thank you.

July 3 – Ladies Coffee and Conversation, 9:30am at St. James UMC. All ladies welcome!

July 20 - **The Penns Valley Charge and Community Worship & Picnic** is hosted by St. James this year and will be held July 20th starting at 10:30am at Coburn Park pavilion. Enjoy special music from the Penns Valley Men's Chorus, a butterfly release, and potluck picnic following. The church facilities will be open for restroom use in addition to the porta-potty on site. Power is available at the pavilion for crockpots. Meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Michelle Bodle (pronounced BOH-dull). Bring a lawn chair for worship. Picnic tables available. In the event of poor weather, we will move the event inside the church and dine in the fellowship hall. The picnic takes the place of all regularly scheduled services this day.

August 17 – No worship services at the Penns Valley Charge Churches

September 28 - Fall Hayride & Picnic at Trinity UMC, Woodward 3pm [Rain date Oct. 5]

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