

Order of Worship Sunday, June 22, 2025 2nd Sunday After Pentecost, Series - Built to Last
Lessons in Resilient Discipleship // Week 2 Fighting Faithfully, How to Wrestle with Disagreement
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 Conflict isn't a curse. It's an opportunity for growth. Jesus teaches His followers to wrestle with disagreement and stay together in truth and love.

† 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 with open minds and willing hearts.

P: We come to grow, even when it challenges us.

L: In our wrestling, God refines us.

P: We will speak truth in love and listen with grace.

† OPENING PRAYER

God of all wisdom, teach us to disagree without division. Help us to listen for Your Spirit, even in tension. May our conflicts become classrooms of grace, and may we emerge more faithful and more united. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Help Us Accept Each Other UMH #560

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 Through It All UMH #507 (sing twice)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-32 // Matthew 16:21-23 // Galatians 2:11-14

MESSAGE Fighting Faithfully: How to Wrestle with Disagreement

- Jacob Wrestles with God: What does Jacob's insistence—"I won't let you go until you bless me"—reveal about his spiritual hunger?
- Peter Rebukes Jesus and is Corrected: How can we tell the difference between well-meaning interference and spirit-led opposition?"
- Paul Confronts Peter: What's the difference between confronting someone out of love vs. confronting someone to "win"?

† CLOSING HYMN We Are the Church UMH #558

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Let's not be afraid of hard conversations. Let's not run from tension. Instead, let us be a church that wrestles well: built to last, bonded by grace, and brave enough to fight faithfully.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
 June 25 - GOD'S CALL EVENT JUNE 25! Feeling a nudge toward the ministry? Sensing a call to lead? You are invited to join in on zoom Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 6-9pm, as we explore various ministry pathways and seek the next steps in God's call for you. Spend the evening with us, in the comfort of your own home, as we learn more about ministry avenues in the UMC. Register online via the link on PennsValleyParish.info. We look forward to finding where God is calling you next!

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. 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.

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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