

Order of Worship Sunday, June 29, 2025 Series - Built to Last - Lessons in Resilient Discipleship
Week 3 Falling Upward: How to Rise from Disappointment with Dignity
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 Jesus didn't discard His disciples when they failed—He restored them.
Rising with dignity means receiving grace and stepping forward with purpose.

† 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 have failed and fallen.

P: We come to be restored and renewed.

L: God does not define us by our failures.

P: We rise in grace and walk forward in faith.

† OPENING PRAYER

God of second chances, lift us when we fall. Speak to us like You spoke to Elijah, restore us like You restored Peter, and remind us that nothing can separate us from Your love. In You, we rise with dignity. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN This Is a Day of New Beginnings UMH #383

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 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling UMH #348

SELECTED SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:1–18 // John 21:15–19 // Romans 5:1–5

MESSAGE Falling Upward: How to Rise from Disappointment with Dignity

- When you sit in **discomfort**, let it become *refining fire*. Let what is not true, not helpful, not needed, burn away
- When you **disagree**, do it with *grace and truth*. Let the gospel always mean more to you than your ego, and the desired outcome dictate how you go about it
- When you **fall**, rise again—with *dignity and purpose*. We all fall short, yet we all have access to the one who will lift us up, recommission and renew our hope

† CLOSING HYMN Here I Am, Lord UMH #593

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Where you fell is not where your story ends. Grace always leaves a door open—and your scars may become someone else's signpost to healing.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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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