

Order of Worship Sunday, July 13, 2025 Equipped to Follow: Jesus' Way of Discipleship  
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 Discipleship begins with connection. Jesus calls us not to a program but to Himself.

† 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, follow Christ, who calls ordinary people into extraordinary purpose.

**P: We come, ready to leave behind distractions and follow the One who knows us.**

L: Jesus invites us into relationship, not as servants, but as friends.

**P: We come to walk with Him, learn from Him, and live for Him.**

L: Let us worship the Lord who says, "Come, follow me."

**All: We answer His call with open hearts. Amen.**

† OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and loving God, You meet us where we are but never leave us there. You call us, not because we are worthy, but because You are good. This day, help us to hear Your invitation with fresh ears. Stir in us a desire to follow You more closely, to love You more deeply, and to trust You with our whole lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who walks with us still. AMEN.**

† OPENING HYMN Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated UMH #399

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH #454

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1–4a // Matthew 4:18–22 // John 15:11–15

MESSAGE Come, Follow Me: The First Step in Discipleship

† CLOSING HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore UMH #344

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: He didn't give them a map. He gave them a relationship. Jesus said, "Come, follow me," and their lives changed forever. What might He be calling you to leave behind?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](http://PennsValleyParish.info)  
Today – We are collecting support donations for the Shreckengast family at St. James. Thank you in advance for your generous donations to help Sam, Jayme and their family.

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

Next Sunday - **The Penns Valley Charge and Community Worship & Picnic** is hosted by St. James with worship beginning promptly at 10:30am at Coburn Park pavilion. Bring your lawn chair and 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 as well. 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 that day. All are welcome. Invite friends, family and neighbors to join us.

August 17 – No services at the Penns Valley Charge Churches on Grange Fair Sunday

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

#### ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

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