

Order of Worship Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025 Equipped to Follow: Called to Care
Ministry Highlight: Keystone Family Alliance – God’s Heart for Children & the Call to Foster Love
Pastor’s Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 - Website: PennsValleyParish.info
For the transformation of the world, we make disciples.

We study God’s Word and offer praise and worship to strengthen each other for mission field beyond the church walls.
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see this symbol.

CENTERING WORDS In every child and every young person, we glimpse the image of God. As we gather, may we open our lives to the sacred calling of nurturing hope, healing, and belonging.

† 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: Children are a heritage from the Lord, a reward from God.

P: We are called to nurture and protect them with love and grace.

L: As the family of faith, we welcome every child in Jesus’ name.

P: We come today with open hearts, ready to learn how we can serve.

L: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to care.

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, You are the giver of life and love. You formed us in our mother’s womb and knew us before we ever spoke a word. Today, we gather to listen to Your heart—for children, for families, for the vulnerable. Help us open our minds to the needs around us and stir within us a holy compassion. As we worship, speak to our spirits and guide us to be your hands and feet in the world. In Jesus’ name, AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN This Is My Father’s World UMH #144

† 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 – “trespasses”)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 18:1-5

MESSAGE Called to Care: Welcoming the Heart of God
Featuring GUEST SPEAKER from the Keystone Family Alliance

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH pg. 13

† CLOSING HYMN Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH #557

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: The measure of a faithful community is seen in how we lift those who lift others, especially those who mend what's been broken in the lives of children and families. May we leave today with hearts ready to support, serve, and stand alongside them.

Key Memory Verses

- Psalm 127:3 - "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."
- Mark 10:14 - "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."

Practice Ideas

- Support a Family or Foster Care Ministry: Connect with Keystone Family Alliance to offer time, prayers, or donations.
- Dedicate a few minutes each day to pray for children and youth facing hardship or without stable homes, asking God to protect and surround them with love.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

August 7 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation

August 17 – No worship services at the Penns Valley Charge Churches, pass it on!

Sept. 17 – PV Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee 3rd Qtr. Meeting 7pm at Trinity Woodward.

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

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