

Sunday, September 7, 2025 Series - When Anger Burns: From Self-Righteous Fire to Holy Flame
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.

1 Peter 5:6-7 - Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

CENTERING WORDS Self-righteous anger often arises from pride, ego, or offense; righteous anger reflects God's justice 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, beloved of God, quick to listen and slow to speak.

P: We come seeking the wisdom that is from above.

L: Lay down the burdens of pride and self-righteousness.

P: We come to be filled with God's Spirit of peace and holy fire.

† OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, You know the fires that burn within us. Sometimes they glow with Your light, and sometimes they consume in ways that harm. Teach us today to discern the difference. Calm our tempers, direct our passion, and set our hearts on fire for Your righteousness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

† OPENING HYMN Take Time to Be Holy UMH #395

† 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")

HYMN OF PREPARATION Glory Be to the Father UMH #70

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:17-27 // Proverbs 29:11 // James 1:12-20

MESSAGE The Fire Within: When Anger Burns Us

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† CLOSING HYMN Have Thine Own Way, Lord UMH #382

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Is the fire of my anger burning for self, or shining for God's justice? Lord, calm our tempers and kindle only Your holy flame in us.

Key Memory Verse:

"Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God." — James 1:19–20 (NASB)

Wisdom of Wesley:

John Wesley warned against "zeal without love," noting that zeal becomes destructive when rooted in pride rather than God's Spirit.

C.S. Lewis quote from Letters to Malcolm:

"Anger is the fluid that love bleeds when you cut it."

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

September 15 – Trinity UMC Trustees and Ad Board meeting at 7pm. All are welcome.

September 17 – Join the veggie Chopping Party for soup sale at 1:30pm at St. James, Coburn.

September 17 – SPRC 3rd Quarter Meeting 7pm at Trinity UMC, Woodward.

September 18 – PV Homecoming Parade and St. James UMC's Soup Sale. To help make or sell soup, contact Paula Smith or Pastor Theresa.

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

October 26 - Trust Based Relational Intervention, TBRI, training is specifically designed for Ministry Leaders & Volunteers to better understand children and teens of trauma and will equip attendees with practical tools to support vulnerable children. Lunch at 12:30pm followed by training until 4pm at Calvary - Harvest Fields 150 Harvest Fields Drive; Boalsburg. RSVP by October 23rd. Contact hillary@keyfam.org with questions or to reserve your place.

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