

Sunday, September 14, 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 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil,
prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

CENTERING WORDS Jesus models righteous anger — passionate for God's honor, not personal offense.

† 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 into God's house of prayer.

P: We come to worship in spirit and truth.

L: Come with hearts ready to be overturned and renewed.

P: We come to be made holy by the presence of Christ.

† OPENING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, You showed us what holy anger looks like when You overturned tables of injustice.
Turn over the tables in our lives that keep us from true worship. Give us courage to act with
love and zeal for Your Kingdom. Amen.**

† OPENING HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory UMH #577

† 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
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Psalm 7:9-13 // Matthew 23:23-24 // John 2:13-22

MESSAGE Jesus Flips the Tables – The Anger of God: Justice, Not Fury

† CLOSING HYMN Jesus, United by Thy Grace UMH #561

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHTS: We are not called to fury, contempt, or defensiveness. We are called to holy fire: anger that clears corruption, speaks truth, and lifts others up for the glory of God and the good of all.

Watch this week for Truth-Dodging Defensiveness vs. Truth-Embracing Humility

- **Defensiveness (like the religious leaders in John 2):**
 - Shifts focus from the truth to the speaker's authority.
 - Resists correction to maintain control.
 - Asks, "Who are you to say this?" instead of, "Is this true?"
 - Protects status instead of pursuing justice.
- **Humility (like Jesus models):**
 - Listens for truth, regardless of who speaks it.
 - Welcomes correction as a pathway to growth.
 - Values outcomes that serve the common good.
 - Stays anchored in God's justice and mercy.

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on [PennsValleyParish.info](https://www.pennsvvalleyparish.info)

* You are invited to the District Superintendent Installation for Rev. Dr. Michelle R. Bodle

Saturday, September 20 at West Side UMC (317 Nichols Street, Clearfield, PA) at 4pm. The

service will also be live streamed for you at <https://www.facebook.com/WSUMCLive/>

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 7 – Sprucetown Church Ad Board and Trustees meeting at 7pm. All are welcome.

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