

Sunday, September 28, 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.

Micah 6:8 He has told you, mortal one, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

CENTERING WORDS The Spirit can transform anger into energy for good, sanctified passion for justice, mercy 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, people of God, to the fountain of mercy.

P: We bring our burdens, our wounds, and our bitterness.

L: Lay them down before the Lord, who heals and restores.

P: We come to drink deeply of grace, and to be made whole.

† OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, too often we hold on to anger as if it were a treasure, when it is only poison to our souls. Cleanse us by Your Spirit. Heal our broken places. Plant in us forgiveness and peace, so that no root of bitterness may grow. Through Christ our Redeemer, Amen.

† OPENING HYMN Near to the Heart of God UMH #472

† 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 Matthew 5:9–21 // Ephesians 6:10–18

MESSAGE Fueled for Justice: Living as Peacemakers

† CLOSING PRAYER (Responsively)

L: Almighty God, we come to the end of this series, but not the end of Your work in us. You have shown us the dangers of anger and the power of Your Spirit to turn our hearts toward righteousness.

P: Clothe us, Lord, in Your truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the living Word.

L: Where anger burns hot, let Your Spirit cool our hearts with peace.

P: Where division grows, help us sow seeds of reconciliation.

L: Where lies confuse, anchor us in Your truth.

P: Where injustice wounds, strengthen us to act with holy love.

L: Lord Jesus, we do not merely invite You into our lives—we accept Your invitation to join Your mission, to live as witnesses of Your kingdom.

P: We stand ready, daily, to prepare ourselves by grace to be Your hands and feet in this world.

L: Let hope, love, joy, and peace not only be our promise for the future but our testimony right now.

ALL: For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing UMH #664

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

PARTING THOUGHT: Lord, take our fire and turn it into light for Your kingdom.

Key Memory Verse: “He has told you, mortal one, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8 (NASB)

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

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

October 2 – Ladies Coffee and Conversation at St. James UMC, Coburn 9:30am. All welcome!

October 7 – Sprucetown UMC Ad Board and Trustees Meeting 7pm

October 19 – Trinity & St. James UMC's Homecoming Service with Pastor Jim Parker bringing the message. Invite friends and family to our gathering!

October 26 – Sprucetown Church's Homecoming Service featuring guest speaker and friend of the church Rev. Kraig Faust. All are welcome at the celebration and lunch following the service.

November 2 – Our Church Conference, 6pm at Grace UMC, Centre Hall. Full members of the church are encouraged to attend to holy conferencing for our church.

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