

Order of Worship for Sunday, June 7, 2026 - Weaponizing the Fruit: Love  
Hear Pastor's Sermon by Phone 24/7 at 814-422-6238 PennsValleyParish.info  
For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Authentic 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 the cross

CENTERING WORDS "The flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the  
flesh..." — Epistle to the Galatians 5:17

† 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, weary of appearances and hungry for what is real.

**P: We come seeking the transforming work of the Spirit.**

L: The flesh pulls us toward fear, pride, resentment, and self-protection.

**P: But the Spirit calls us into freedom and new life.**

L: Come away from counterfeit peace and performative goodness.

**P: Teach us the way of Christ.**

L: Come away from weaponized words and distorted virtues.

**P: Form within us the true fruit of the Spirit.**

L: For where the Spirit of the Lord is—

**P: There is freedom!**

† OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, We confess that it is easier to imitate spiritual maturity than to surrender to it.  
Plant within us the true fruit that comes only from abiding in Christ. Teach us not merely to  
appear spiritual, but to walk by the Spirit day by day. Open our hearts to Your Word, our  
minds to Your truth, and our lives to Your transforming grace. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
who embodies every fruit perfectly, we pray. 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”)

PASSING OF THE PEACE [St. James UMC and Sprucetown UMC]

HYMN OF PREPARATION Spirit of the Living God UMH #393

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:15–20 // Matthew 23:23–28 // Galatians 5:16-25

MESSAGE Love: Not Loving People “to Death”

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH p. 13

† CLOSING HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH #384

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Reflection: Before reacting this week, pause and ask:  
“Is this response being produced by the flesh... or by the Spirit?”

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

- Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course has been rescheduled for September 17 & 18, 2026.

Consider taking this course to learn more about the church, our Methodist tradition and how church life is ordered. You will find registration information on our website and details on a flyer on the bulletin board. Anyone attending a Methodist Church is invited to take the course.

- We are a collection partner for Angel Packs items for victims of human trafficking. The list of items needed is available near the collection bin. Thank you for supporting FierceLove4Good!

- June 18 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation, St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All ladies, welcome!

- July 1 – St. James Trustees meet at 6:30pm, Ad Board at 7pm. Contact Paula Smith if you know you are unable to attend. All are invited to help with the business of the church.

- July 19 – Penns Valley Charge Worship and Potluck Picnic, hosted this year by Trinity in Woodward. Bring a lawn chair for the service and a covered dish to share for lunch. Table service and beverages provided by Trinity.

- July 20 – Trinity UMC's Administrative Board and Trustees meeting at 7pm. All are welcome.

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