

Order of Worship for Sunday, June 21, 2026 - Weaponizing the Fruit: Peace
As disciples of Jesus Christ, we seek to grow in faith, love boldly, and make disciples by continually asking:
How am I loving God? How am I loving the people God puts in front of me?
How am I inviting others to embrace the hope of Christ in their lives?
† - Please rise in body or spirit where you see the cross

CENTERING WORDS "My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you." John 14:27

† 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, all who are weary from carrying burdens.

P: Christ invites us to rest in His peace.

L: Come, all who are anxious about tomorrow.

P: Christ reminds us that God holds tomorrow in His hands.

L: Come, all who have known conflict, disappointment, and uncertainty.

P: Christ offers a peace the world cannot give.

L: Let us worship the Prince of Peace.

P: We come seeking His presence, His truth, and His peace.

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, In a world filled with noise, division, and uncertainty, we gather seeking Your presence. Too often we chase peace through control, avoidance, or the illusion that we can manage every outcome ourselves. Yet You call us to a deeper peace rooted not in circumstances but in trust. Quiet our restless hearts. Open our minds to Your truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may receive the peace Christ promises—a peace that steadies us, strengthens us, and sends us into the world as agents of reconciliation and hope. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Prince of Peace. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Trust and Obey UMH #467

† 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 Hymn of Promise UMH #707

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Isaiah 26:1-4 // Philippians 4:1-9 // John 14:15-27

MESSAGE Peace that Doesn't Run Away

† CLOSING HYMN It Is Well with My Soul UMH #377

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Reflection: When facing tension, disagreement, uncertainty, or anxiety, ask yourself:
Am I trying to keep the peace, or am I allowing Christ to make real peace through me?

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info

- 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 2 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation, St. James in Coburn at 9:30am. All ladies, welcome!
- July 5 – Join us for patriotic worship service and message: What Kind of People Are Capable of Remaining Free? It's a very good question to consider. Invite friends and neighbors!
- July 19 – Penns Valley Charge Renewal Worship and Butterfly Release Service 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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Sponsor a butterfly for \$8 each as part of the Butterfly Release at our Charge Renewal Worship Service July 19th. Forms and payment are due Sunday, July 12, 2026.

Please make checks payable to "Penns Valley UMC Charge". Thank you.

Your Name: _____ # of butterflies _____ x \$8 = _____

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