

Order of Worship for July 12, 2026 - Weaponizing the Fruit: Patience

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 We worship the God who has been endlessly patient with us, and we ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate within us a patience that reflects the heart of Jesus.

† 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: We gather in the presence of the One who has shown us kindness beyond measure.

P: We come to worship the God whose mercy never fails.

L: The world often confuses kindness with avoiding hard truths and prioritizing comfort.

P: But God's kindness leads us toward healing, growth, and new life.

L: Let us lay aside fear, pride, and the need for approval.

P: Fill us with Your Spirit that we may love as Christ loves.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose kindness has drawn us to Himself.

P: We will praise God with grateful hearts and follow wherever He leads.

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and patient God, You have borne with us through every season of life. As we worship today, quiet our hurried spirits. Remove from us whatever keeps us from hearing Your voice. Teach us the difference between worldly tolerance and Spirit-grown forbearance. Shape us into people who reflect the patient love of Jesus Christ. May our worship honor You, our hearts be transformed by You, and our lives bear witness to Your grace. In the name of Christ we pray. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN Help Us Accept Each Other UMH #560

† 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 Exodus 34:6-7 // Colossians 3:12-13 // Luke 15:11-32

MESSAGE Patience for Greater Understanding

† CLOSING HYMN Be Still, My Soul UMH #534

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

Reflection: *The fruit of the Spirit is not the ability to put up with people; it is the Spirit's power to love people long enough for God to continue His work in them and in us.*

PENNS VALLEY CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calendar also on PennsValleyParish.info
NEXT SUNDAY- July 19 – All regular services are cancelled for the Church Picnic Worship with Butterfly Release followed by Potluck Picnic, hosted by Trinity in Woodward. Bring a lawn chair for the service at 10:30am and a covered dish to share for lunch. Table service and beverages provided by Trinity. NOTE: Butterfly sponsorship forms and payment are due today.
NEW – Trinity’s Administrative Board and Trustees will meet after the potluck lunch July 19th instead of the following evening. Please plan to join us to plan the fall hayride and picnic.
- August 6 & 20 – Ladies Coffee & Conversation, all ladies in the valley are invited to get together at St. James UMC in Coburn the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9:30am conversation and refreshments.
SAVE THE DATE: Our Church Conference is Nov. 7, 1pm at Sprucetown UMC

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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 today at the end of the service today.

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

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

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