

Order of Worship
October 5, 2025 – World Communion Sunday

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – Philippians 3:10-14, Pressing on to the Goal

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¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #451

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Order for Confirmation [see insert]

Devon Elizabeth Bush
Lauren Irene Bush

Scripture Reading – Job 1:6-22, Job's First Test

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⁹"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰"Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." ¹²The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

¹³One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

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"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
may the name of the Lord be praised."

²²In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Offering & Doxology – #95

Sermon

Pastor Paul

Deliver Us From Evil:
Evil is Real, Evil is Limited, Evil is Defeated

*One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD,
and Satan also came with them.*
Job 1:6

Holy Communion

Hymn *On Eagles' Wings* #143

Benediction

Annual Life Chain
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Today

Corner of E. Brown St. & Lincoln Ave., East Stroudsburg

Special Joint Meeting
6:00 p.m. Tuesday at Poplar Valley

All are invited to a conversation about the future of our churches.
Questions? See Kasey, Joe or Eric. Thank you.

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Jean Christman's

Yard & Craft Sale
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 11, 2025
[Rain Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025]
Cherry Valley United Methodist Education Building
Refreshments will be sold:
Hot Dogs, Barbeque, Baked Goods, Etc.
Tables & Spaces \$10.00

Some tables provided, reservations required until all tables are reserved (then required to bring own tables or use lawn outside)
For more info: John Dennis, (570) 977-6086 [cell / text]

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