



Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

Sunday May 3, 2020

*Connecting with the Community,
Growing Disciples, and Serving Jesus Christ*

Our Worship can be viewed on our website

PantherValleyChurch.org

FRIENDS ~ FAMILY ~ FAITH

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In God we find our rest and refuge;

ALL : put our hope and trust in God.

One: God hears our prayers, God knows our hurts;

ALL: God is faithful, just and true.

One: In times of doubt and disbelief,

ALL: God has given us one another for strength and courage.

One: Come, worship God in the presence of one another;

All: For God has bound us together in love, as the body of Christ

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious & Loving God, We come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear of faith, to hear of hope and love ringing out from your kingdom, to express respect to mother's and those who mother for their contributions to our lives.

We know the doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest among us, Shape us into a people of enduring faith, abiding hope and selfless charity. Fill us with a love which passes understanding. We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving God, who speaks to us through Scripture, help anew to reflect on the wisdom of your words across the ages. In this hearing it refreshes and inspires us to follow your guidance and will for us in this world.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 31:25-31

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. She watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. Her children stand and bless her, her husband praises her: There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but she surpasses them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty does not last, but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

Corinthians 13:13

And now faith, hope and love abide - these three - - - and the greatest of these is love.

MESSAGE

Dan Ledwith

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

We pray this day, O God, for those in transition, for those entering marriage, for those with newborns, infants and toddlers, preschoolers, elementary, tweens and high school youth for graduates finishing one dimension of life and preparing to move to the next, for the challenges of parenting, maturing and growing up, for those experiencing medical challenge - whether diagnosed, awaiting surgery, those in treatment, in therapy, in recovery those in hospice, and those in grief; recognizing that in truth we are all in transition from what has been, through what presently is, into what is yet to be.

And so we pray for liminal time - for the good and solid gifts of thresholds, that they may be for us a thin place, a thin time, so very fleeting, and yet eternally full of your presence, our God. This we pray in the name of Jesus - who was, who is, and will be with us eternally. AMEN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Be present with us Lord as we seek to work among your community here on earth, to offer others hope and faith, patience, fortitude and forbearance and above all to do your will.

BENEDICTION

NOW, Got forth with the shield of faith.

Be Bold, Be Strong, Have No Fear

Because the Lord, your God goes with you now and He WILL NOT fail or forsake you.

CLOSING SONG

Shalom To You

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.

May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

Today's flowers were given by Betty Schultheis in honor of daughter Cyndy's 55th Birthday.

***Thank you to Henry Newbold, Frank Reitz, John Samanns, Dan Ledwith, and Jim Visco
for leading us in Worship today!***

***PLEASE JOIN US AT 12 for a time of fellowship and conversation on Zoom
The Member ID is 312-532-2951***

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Support our Lord's Pantry by purchasing an \$8 meal voucher from the Panther Pub!

PVEC Shop & Drop If you are in a situation where you can not leave your house and you need food or medication contact our office and we will arrange for someone to shop and drop your items at your house.

Children's faith formation is found on our [website](#) and [facebook](#).

Bedtime Stories with Ms. Sarah & Mr. Dan are on Facebook live at 7:30pm

Bible Studies are being held on Zoom. Email or call the office if you are interested in joining these studies.

Unshakable Hope - Monday evenings at 7pm via Zoom

What the Women Saw – Tuesday Evenings at 7pm via Zoom and Facebook

Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit - Wednesday Mornings at 10am via Zoom

Care and Nurture Prayer Shawls and Palm Prayer Squares are in the coat closet outside Fellowship Hall. People can take a bag to give to anyone who is in need of support and comfort.

PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

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~We were built for you!~

Panther Valley Ecumenical Church is a congregation of many Christian traditions who worship together in accordance with Christ's prayer: "that they may all be one."

Our multi-denominational church has been serving northwest New Jersey since 1969.

We are formally affiliated with: The Episcopal Church, The United Church of Christ, The Presbyterian Church USA, and The United Methodist Church.

May God's Blessing go with you this week.

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