



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

Ephiphany

February 7, 2021

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

*Our Worship can be viewed on our website
PantherValleyChurch.org*

FRIENDS ~ FAMILY ~ FAITH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us seek to simplify this moment, slow down for a time. Let us worship, leaning on prayer, reflection and sharing with one another.

OPENING PRAYER

Healing God,
You are working to bind up the wounds of the world.
Open us this day to be your hands and feet for a suffering people,
so that we might make a difference right where we are,
contributing to your reign on earth as it is in heaven.
We praise you for the strength to persevere,
holding our lives together in love.
Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today...
God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair, reassure us today...
Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace, place your mercy in our souls today...
You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, who bring justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of weakness, pour out your spirit of power upon us today.
Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness.
We confess our need to you, and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope, remembering the promises you have made to us.

(Silence is kept)

SONG *If My People*

KID'S MESSAGE *Your Special Place*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

MESSAGE *The Pause*

SONG *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Prayers of the People

You are invited to write your prayer concerns on small pieces of paper and place these prayers in a container [*bowl, box, etc*]-a symbolic action of placing them in God's hands, God's care.

Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...

God of Justice, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...

Prince of Peace, secure us in your love.

Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind in this pandemic...

Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, reassure us in our times of need.

Let us pray for those who are excluded, oppressed, and pushed to the margins...

God of Unity, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who live in comfort, for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...

Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.

Holy and Living One,
for those we have named and the ones whose names we do not know,
hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Give thanks for strong yet tender hands
held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short let hands speak out;
the heights of love expressing.**

BENEDICTION

Now go in the knowledge that God is holding your life even as we hold each other. You are not alone. You are loved. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Credits:

Today's Liturgy is adapted from: Worship Design Studio,
Prelude, More Love to Thee
Postlude, I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Song, If My People, Jimmy Owens
Hymn, What A Friend We Have In Jesus
The Lord's Prayer with Tim Coon's is from The Work of the People

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