



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday in Easter May 9, 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

We invite you to begin your personal preparation at the beginning of the prelude.

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Sing to God a new song,

ALL: for God has done marvelous things!

ONE: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

ALL: for God is still doing marvelous things!

ONE: Break into joyful song!

ALL: Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!

ONE: Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!

ALL: For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.

ONE: God is coming to judge the world with equity.

ALL: Sing to God a new song!

GATHERING PRAYER

ONE: In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

ALL: Illumine our homes with the light of your love.

ONE: We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

ALL: From our mothers and those who have served as mothers in many ways, nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we are.

ONE: As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God.
Join with us in this day of celebration as we rejoice in being loved.

ALL: As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus our Lord, so we come to worship in His holy name.

HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King CCLI#1503 Public Domain

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,

By which all creatures ye sustain.

O Praise ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,

Ye light of evening find a voice!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. All ye who are of tender heart,

Forgiving others, take your part,

O Praise Ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear;

Praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,

and worship God in humbleness.

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ONE: God, we are sorry for the many times we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.

For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the tasks.

ALL: Abba Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

ONE: For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.

ALL: Abba Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

ONE: For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

ALL: Abba Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

ONE: For the times we refused to forgive others.

ALL: Abba Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Assurance of Pardon from Galatians 4:4-7

But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters. And because you and sons and daughters, God has set the Spirit on his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba Father!' So through God you are no longer a slave but a son and daughter, and if a son or daughter then an heir.

In Christ, you are forgiven, adopted into God's family, an heir to the kingdom!

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 98 (NIV)

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

1 John 5:9-17 (Common English Bible)

If we receive human testimony, God's testimony is greater, because this is what God testified: he has testified about his Son. The one who believes in God's Son has the testimony within; the one who doesn't believe God has made God a liar, because that one has not believed the testimony that God gave about his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave eternal life to us, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn't have God's Son does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son so that you can know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence that we have in our relationship with God: If we ask for anything in agreement with his will, he listens to us. If we know that he listens to whatever we ask, we know that we have received what we asked from him. If anyone sees a brother or sister committing a sin that does not result in death, they should pray, and God will give life to them—that is, to those who commit sins that don't result in death. There is a sin that results in death—I'm not saying that you should pray about that. Every unrighteous action is sin, but there is a sin that does not result in death.

MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

We invite you to take this time to express your gratitude to God for all that you have been given by dedicating your time, talents, witness, service, and resources. The gifts you give are helping God build the community of love in this place and in our world. We offer several ways that you can give your fiscal pledge: in person by placing your offering in the "church mailbox" in the narthex, dropping it off at the office, by mail, through our website www.panthervalleychurch.org, or add PVEC to your online bill pay. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Great gifts,
we give you these gifts today
knowing that you are the Father of gifts.
You mother us constantly
providing for us, caring for us.
As we have been abundantly provided for,
so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do,
the work of the church,
the care for those who are poor.
Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit, strengthen us for the Christian life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care, send us out to live and work for others.

Go forth with love, empathy & renewed faith.

Let the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Today's flowers are given by Betty Schultheis in honor of her daughter Cyndy Corbett's birthday.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

***We are looking for volunteers to help film our worship services on Sunday morning.**

Donation Statements Our Treasurer, Betty Johnson would like to know

WHO OBJECTS to receiving their donation statement via email?

If you object, please let her know at treasurerpvec1@gmail.com or call the office.

Prayer Requests Write down your requests on the page in the narthex or if you would like to send yours electronically, please email pvecsecretary@gmail.com or go to the church website and add them there. They will be compiled and sent out in the next week's E-newsletter.

Children's faith formation is being offered on Class Dojo and at PVEC on Sundays.

Sunday School teachers are needed for preschoolers.

Christian Outreach is looking for a new chair.

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

Calling all members and friends of PVEC The Worship Commission would like to host a picnic during Fellowship after church on Father's Day, June 20th. Each person would bring their own chair and sandwich or entrée. Chairs would go outside of the door to the rear of Fellowship Hall. Worship will have a table with individually packaged snacks, desserts, water and soda to accompany your sandwich or entree. **The question is are you interested?** Please let us know **YES** via email or call the office so we may prepare enough accompaniments. We think it's worth it if even 6 people want to have fellowship, so, please give us feedback!

Fellowship Hour the Care and Nurture Commission is having a Welcome Back Fellowship Hour kick-off on Sunday June 6th after church service from 11:15-12:30 in Fellowship Hall. Fellowship Hour will be held beginning June 6th and every Sunday thereafter, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. Coffee and tea will be served along with snacks. We will maintain social distance, everyone must wear a mask, except when eating or drinking, and all food will be served in accordance with State and local restrictions. Come and enjoy Fellowship and Friendship.

PVEC Rummage Sale May 14 – 22nd

VBS returns this year from August 2nd- August 6th! **We do need volunteers** so if you would like to help in anyway, please email aewasher221@yahoo.com or call/text her at 973-459-0574 ASAP. Our next meeting will be Wednesday May 12th at 7pm in our sanctuary or via zoom.

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~Welcome—we were built for you!~

Panther Valley Ecumenical Church is a multi-denominational church 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.

We are a congregation of many Christian traditions who worship together in accordance with Christ's prayer: "that they may all be one."

May God's Blessing go with you this week.

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