



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

**Worship in the United Church of Christ Tradition
October 24, 2021**

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

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

PRELUDE

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

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

*Blessed are the clear in heart for they see the Living Presence.
~ Matthew 5:8*

At the beginning of the day
we seek your countenance among us, O God,
in countless forms of creation all around us
in the sun's rising glory
in the face of friend and stranger.
Your presence within every presence
your Light within all light
your Heart at the heart of this moment.
May the fresh light of morning wash our sight that we may see your Life
in every life this day.

Be still and aware

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come and bless the Lord.

ALL: We come to seek God's grace.

ONE: Christ Hears our every cry.

ALL: We need God's whole-making touch.

ONE: Take heart; have faith, for Christ has called us here.

ALL: We come to bless the Lord!

HYMNS

Cry of My Heart, Thy Word, Sanctuary

Michael Ventura

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

Transform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them. Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

In lives where love has been born this day, thanks be to you, O God.

In families where forgiveness has been strong, thanks be to you.

In nations where wrongs have been addressed, where tenderness has been cherished, and where visions for earth's oneness have been served, thanks be to you.

May those who are weary find rest.

May those who carry great burdens find strength.

May the midwives of new beginnings in the world find hope.

And may the least among us find greatness;
strength in our souls, worth in our words, love in our living.

LORD'S PRAYER Ecumenical Text

We invite you to pray the prayer in the language you are used to speaking. Today we are highlighting the prayer in the Ecumenical Text which was developed in contemporary language by the English Language Liturgical Consultation in 1988.

**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG

Michael Ventura

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful One, some read your word from a page because they are able to see it.

Others listen to your word, spoken aloud, because they are able to hear it. Still others receive your word as a series of bumps and dots on a page, because they are able to touch it.

What we ask of you today, Holy One, is that your word touch us – however we are to receive it. Inscribe it on our hearts and change us through your word. In the name of Jesus, our Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52 New Revised Standard Version

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

MESSAGE

What Do You Want Jesus to do for you?

BENEDICTION

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

POSTLUDE

Today's flowers are given by Faye & Rich Kennedy

In Memory of Jennifer Kennedy and to honor Patrick McNeal.

Questions to Consider

What do you need to let go of today in order to see God's presence in your life?

What is the cry of your heart?

What do you want Jesus to do for you?

Is there something you have that someone else might need?

Cry of My Heart

It is the cry of my heart

To follow You

It is the cry of my heart

To be close to You

It is the cry of my heart

To follow

All of the days of my life

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me

To be a sanctuary

Pure and holy

Tried and true

With thanksgiving

I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

Credits: *Prayer of Awareness* written by John Philip Newell.

Call to Worship is written by

Prayer for the Life of the World is adapted from John Phillip Newell.

Prayer of Illumination is written by Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler.

Prayer of Dedication is written by Rev. Bonnie Tarwater.

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Joe & Eileen O' Reilly, Amy Testa, Eloise Mial, Dong-Hee Nam, Angus-Rick Wilson's father, Jim, Adam, Lisa and Brandon in the passing of Brandon's father, Kathy Pflugfelder, Bruce, Keith, Laura, Charles, Kailynn, The DeLaCruz Family, Rich K., Ann Custard, Anne Ellis, George Capola, Joe & Suzanne McCarthy, Smardar & Joe for healing, Bridget, Refugees & those seeking asylum, The Gibbs Family, Betty Schultheis, Meghan Rose, Anne, Julie, The Hal Loss Family, Zachary, churches as they try and do ministry in a new time, The Tamarco Family, The Miller Family, Rich Pearson & Family, Carol D., Derek Fleming, Lauren, Tom & Lisa Grillo, Jaylyn & Savanna, Brian, Vinnie Candito, Dee Lartie, Anne, Robyn, Diane, Amy, Bonnie Sue, Keith, Nick, Leslie M., Jackie, Mike, Danielle, Carolyn, Patrick, Anne, Maggie, Giselle, Judy, Marianne
Thank you and please let us know when to remove a name from the list.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR OUR **SUNDAY SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST!** 9:45AM

See this week's e-news for more information about Sunday School events.

PVEC Kids Creations for Community

Please take a flyer located in the narthex for more information.

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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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