



# **PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH**

**Pentecost, June 5, 2022**

**Holy Communion**

**Worship in the Methodist Tradition**

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

*Our Worship can be viewed on our website  
[PantherValleyChurch.org](http://PantherValleyChurch.org)*

**FRIENDS ~ FAMILY ~ FAITH**



## PRELUDE

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Holy Spirit, you breathed over the waters and brought forth Creation.

**ALL: You create us anew each day, each breath.**

ONE: Holy Spirit, you live and move in all of us.

**ALL: You make us one, your living body.**

ONE: Holy Spirit, you enflame us with your love.

**ALL: We are the love song you sing to the world.**

**And so we sing our love to you. Alleluia!**

## HYMN

Spirit Song

UMH# 347

Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

### **Jesus oh Jesus**

Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs.

### **Oh come and sing this song with gladness**

As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

### **Jesus oh Jesus**

Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of our living breath, you poured out your Spirit on Jesus' followers long ago and created the church. Pour out your Spirit on us now, and make us once again the Body of Christ, breathing your love, on fire with your courage, carried on the winds of your joy. Speak your Word to us and set our hearts aflame with your love. Amen.**

## **GOSPEL READING: Acts 2:1-21 CEB**

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.  
Your young will see visions.  
Your elders will dream dreams.  
Even upon my servants, men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.  
I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above*

*and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.  
The sun will be changed into darkness,  
and the moon will be changed into blood,  
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.  
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**MESSAGE**    *Listening in Tongues*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ONE: Spirit of God, you breathe your love in us.

**ALL: We give thanks for those times when we have lived by your love,  
your Spirit in us...**

(Silence...)

ONE: Spirit of God, you breathe your love in us.

**ALL: We confess those times when we have lived by fear or selfishness,  
not by your Spirit, and we open ourselves to your grace...**

(Silence...)

ONE: We breathe in your grace... and we breathe out your grace.

**ALL: Thanks be to you, God of our breath.**

## **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: dropping it into the "church" located in the Narthex, by mail, through our website, or add PVEC to your online bill pay. Thank you for your generosity.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give you our gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. Anoint us with your Spirit, unite us with all who love you, give us the language of grace, and send us into the world aflame with your love, in the name of Christ, for the sake of the blessing of the world. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: God is with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your heart.

**ALL: We lift them up to God.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**ALL: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

ONE: Holy One, in the beginning your wind brooded over the waters and you created the world.

**ALL: You breathed into the clay of the earth and it became a living human being.**

ONE: The strong east wind of your breath parted the Red Sea and led the slaves to freedom.

**ALL: Your breath entered the dry bones in the valley, and they rose to life again. Therefore with your holy breath in us we sing your praise.**

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

ONE: Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ.

**ALL: At his baptism your Spirit descended on him as a dove.**

ONE: He embodied your love, he breathed your grace.

**ALL: By your Spirit he healed and taught and nourished your people.**

ONE: The powers of evil opposed him and crucified him; but the Spirit of Life raised him.

**ALL: Risen from the dead, he came to us and breathed his spirit into us, his promise to be with us always.**

On the night in which he gave himself for us

Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Take and eat; this is my body.”

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, blessed it with thanks and gave it to them, saying,

“Drink of this, all of you. This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, in a new Covenant, which is the forgiveness of sin.”

As long as we break this bread and share this cup we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again.

**ALL: Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**ONE: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.**

**ALL: Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, one in your Spirit, breathing deeply of your grace, on fire with your love, for the healing of the world. Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*We invite you to pray the prayer in the language you are used to speaking.*

*Today we are highlighting the prayer in the Traditional text written in the 16<sup>th</sup> century for the Book of Common Prayer. This prayer is utilized by the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church.*

**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.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. You have created us by your Spirit, you have made us one in your Spirit, you have filled us with your Spirit, and now you send us into the world in the power of your Spirit, to show forth your love and grace to those who are hungry to hear and see. Bless us, that we may continually do your will. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Awesome Spirit! You have inspired us this day to be witnesses to God's love and power. Help us to be joyful in our service and strong in our faith for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we go in peace, with God's peace in our hearts. AMEN.**

## **POSTLUDE**

***Today's Altar Flowers are given by Donna Weinberg  
in honor of PVEC members past.***

*Credits:* Call to Worship. Opening prayer, The Great thanksgiving, Confession and Prayer of Dedication is adapted from: Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

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***Stewardship Snippet*** (The Day of Pentecost - Year C) June 5, 2022

John 14:25-27

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

To fully love Jesus Christ and to accomplish the works He would will for us requires our surrender to His Holy Spirit, for with God all things are possible, but without Him we can do nothing. This is why The Christian Church considers the Holy Spirit to be the most precious gift we have received from our Lord Jesus. Jesus plainly told His disciples that it was better for Him to leave this world and go to the Father, that He may send His Holy



Spirit into the world, into the heart of all believers. If we have been baptized, we can be sure that we have received the Holy Spirit. The paramount question still facing each of us, however, is to what degree are we allowing the Holy Spirit to direct and guide our lives? Put another way, are we cooperating with Him or stifling His lordship over us through a lack of cooperation? Listen with your heart, the Holy Spirit will lead you in the right direction. Blessings, Donna Weinberg

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

The Ukrainian People & Our World, Refugees Everywhere, Jaime celebrating her 12th Birthday, Amy & Larry Rider in the death of his mother, Steve & Ellen, Betty, Rob, Cecelia, Billy, Baby Charlee & Lauren Phillips Smith, Ron, Anne, Don, Barbara, Amy Testa, Steve, Olive Collen, Ninabeth & The Metcalf Family

**Penny & Donna are hosting coffee hour on Communion Sundays.** For the other Sundays, Care & Nurture handles the Fellowship schedule. This is to remind you that there is a sign-up sheet in the hall.

**Tickets for sale until June 10<sup>th</sup>** for Fish & Chips Dinner on Sat. June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

6/12 Pastor Ninabeth's last day leading worship – celebration for her following service.

6/19 & 6/26 Dan Ledwith will preach.

7/3 Rev. Deacon Jeanette Hile with begin leading worship.



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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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