

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



# **PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH**

**July 10, 2022**

**Worship in the Episcopal 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**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### PRELUDE

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

### HYMN #577

God of Grace and God of Glory

#### Verse 1

God of grace and God of glory  
On Thy people pour Thy power  
Crown Thine ancient church's story  
Bring her bud to glorious flower  
Grant us wisdom grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour  
For the facing of this hour

#### Verse 2

Lo the hosts of evil 'round us  
Scorn Thy Christ assail His ways  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise  
Grant us wisdom grant us courage  
For the living of these days  
For the living of these days

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

LEADER: Lord, open our lips.

**ALL: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

LEADER: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.  
Let us now say together:

## **JUBILATE Psalm 100**

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

**Know that the Lord is God.**

**It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**COLLECT** (see insert)

## **THE LESSONS**

LEADER: The first lesson is from The Old Testament: Amos 7:7-17.  
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 82** (see insert)

LEADER: The second lesson is from Colossians 1:1-14.  
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

LEADER: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**ALL: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 10:25-37

(see insert)

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### ***THE APOSTLES' CREED***

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

***He descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again.***

***He ascended into heaven,***

***and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***

***the holy catholic Church,***

***the communion of saints,***

***the forgiveness of sins***

***the resurrection of the body,***

***and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

And now as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LEADER:** Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**ALL:** **And grant us your salvation.**

**LEADER:** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**ALL:** **Let your people sing with joy.**

**LEADER:** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**ALL:** **For only in you can we live in safety.**

**LEADER:** Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**ALL:** **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

**LEADER:** Let your way be known upon earth;

**ALL:** **Your saving health among all nations.**

**LEADER:** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**ALL:** **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

**LEADER:** Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**ALL:** **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE OFFERING**

Ascribe to the Lord and bring honor and gifts unto His name.

## **OFFERTORY**

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

**(unison)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **HYMN #577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Verse 4

Set our feet on lofty places  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces  
In the fight to set men free  
Grant us wisdom grant us courage  
That we fail not man nor Thee  
That we fail not man nor Thee

## **BENEDICTION**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

LEADER: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **Stewardship Snippet (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Year C) July 10, 2022**

### **Luke 10: 30-37**

Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

So, do you feel pity for people in need like the Priest and the Levite but don't feel MOVED to respond? Or do you feel pity and respond as a Samaritan Christian by supporting PVEC's Ecumenical causes? Think about this...Donna Weinberg, Stewardship Chair

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

### **Please pray for:**

Mary Lightfoot, Alan & Brandy Harty, Bettina, Anne Cuff, Steve, Ellen, Stephanie & Ryan, The Payton Family - Cylvia's daughter, The Ukrainian People & Our World, Refugees Everywhere, Our Church

### **\*Regarding Facebook Livestreaming of Sunday Worship\***

There is a change to the way we have been streaming our Sunday services beginning this weekend. No longer will it be available on Facebook Live for simultaneous viewing on Sundays. However, you will still be able to watch each weekend's service by **going to the church website on Monday mornings after 10am.**

We are still looking for volunteers to lead **Sunday school** over the summer.  
The sign-up sheet is located downstairs by the classrooms.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** registration is now available online. WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS so please let us know if you can help. Please email Ashley Washer at [aewasher221@yahoo.com](mailto:aewasher221@yahoo.com) for more information.

## **PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH**

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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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