

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

July 17, 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

FRIENDS ~ FAMILY ~ FAITH

6th 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 #555

Forward Through the Ages

Verse 1

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain:

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Verse 2

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. (Refrain)

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

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

COLLECT (see insert)

THE LESSONS

LEADER: The first lesson is from The Old Testament: Amos 8:1-12.
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 52 (see insert)

LEADER: The second lesson is from Colossians 1:15-28.
(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 10:38-42
(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.**

PRAYER OF ST.FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

**For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we
are born to eternal life. 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 #555

Forward Through the Ages

Verse 3

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.

Refrain:

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

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.

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 (6th Sunday after Pentecost - Year C) July 17, 2022

Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me. "But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

For me, this passage in Luke has always been a problem. I'm Miss "Doer" - always facilitating the masses, taking care of the necessities, and of course identifying myself with Martha. Mary is the thoughtful one who allows herself time to take in the moment (sort of like my husband); while I often miss the entire significance in my busyness. Is that a bad thing? Jesus seems to think so, for those of you who like me are the Martha's of the world, we need to pray on this. Donna Weinberg, PVEC Stewardship Chair

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please pray for:

Cylvia, Joann & Family, That Jack may rest in peace and Joann may find peace

Thank you, Miss Doer and any Marthas, for once again organizing the \$5 Chicken Dinner on Thursday!

SEEKING DONATIONS

We have a longtime Food Pantry client in need of some gently used personal items if by chance you can help. She is looking for 2 large pieces of luggage and any clothing/shoes for a 3-year-old boy. Let Nikki know if you have anything. Thank you!

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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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