

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



# **PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH**

**November 20, 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)*

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## Last 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 #157

Jesus Shall Reign

#### Verse 1

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore  
Till moons shall rise wax and wane no more

#### Verse 4

Blessings abound where'er He reigns  
All prisoners leap and loose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all who suffer want are blessed

### 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6.  
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM Canticle 16** (see insert)

LEADER: The second lesson is from Colossians 1:11-20.  
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: ALL STAND, Luke 23:33-43**  
(see insert)

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

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

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.**

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

### **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**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **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 #157**

Jesus Shall Reign

#### **Verse 5**

Let every creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeat the loud amen

## **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**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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## **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

**Please pray for:**

# **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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