

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



# **PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH**

## **February 26, 2023**

*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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**MESSAGE:** *"You are Never Alone"*

Rev. Joseph

### **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.**

### **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

#### **ASSURANCE**

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **THE OFFERING**

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

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Mike Ventura

## **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.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER, ALL STAND**

In the hour of his temptation, when Jesus hungered, he knew from where his sustenance came: “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Lord, from the abundance of your grace, your word has provided all that we need. All that we have is yours. Receive the offering of our hands and the gratitude of our hearts.

In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

## **HYMN #480**

**“O Love That Wilt Not Let me Go”**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

*Today's Altar Flowers are given by Diane Van Dongen in memory of her father, Walter.*

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## **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

**Please pray for:** Our Church, the parishioners of PVEC, our world, our families and friends, Ann, Taylor, Sue, Jen-3 kids, Kim & family, all those affected by the earthquake in Turkey, Charles, Walter, Laura, Lori, Andrew, Bonnie Sue, Myrna & Simon, Helen, Evelyn & friend, the Prestinari family (death of mother), Kat, and the Fountain Family (new baby).

- Sun. 3/5** Rev. Mike Atzert is preaching and will serve communion  
First Vacation Bible School meeting after Worship to  
discuss a date and theme
- Sun. 3/12** Dan Ledwith is preaching
- Sun. 3/19** Dan Ledwith is preaching  
Fish & Chips Meeting after service (If you would like to  
volunteer & cannot attend this meeting, please reach out  
to Elizabeth Efremov.)
- Fri. 3/24** Youth Squad Meeting 6-7:30pm
- Sun. 3/26** Darasue Braun is preaching
- 4/21, 4/22, & 4/29** Spring Rummage Sale  
(Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office M-  
F, 9:30am-1:30pm.)
- Sat. 6/24** Fish & Chips Dinner



## **PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH**

1490 Route 517 Hackettstown, NJ 07840

~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.

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Wil Joseph

**Music Director:** Diane Van Dongen

**Church Administrator:** Judy Jepsen

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