

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

March 26, 2023

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

*Our Worship can be viewed on our website
PantherValleyChurch.org*

FAITH ~ FAMILY ~ FRIENDS

Thank you to DaraSue Braun who will be leading today's service.

PRELUDE

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

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 108)

One: We gather together to worship You; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Our heart is steadfast, O God; We will sing your praises for all eternity!

One: Awake! Awake, harp and lyre; we will awaken the dawn!

All: We give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples. We sing praises to You among the nations!

One: Your loving-kindness is great to the heavens, and Your truth reaches to the skies. Be exalted above the heavens, O God!

All: Let Your glory O Lord, be above all the earth; We bow before Your Throne and offer thanksgiving and praise. For You alone, O Lord, are worthy to receive all glory and honor!

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn #103

"Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, You have called us to walk with You each day, to trust in You entirely and never to lean upon our own understanding; yet as our day progresses and we face stress and turmoil, we often forget to ask for Your help, trying instead to solve problems on our own. You have called us to show love to our neighbor and speak encouraging words; yet often throughout the day, we are so rushed and caught up in our own cares, we forget to speak love and we neglect to offer acts of kindness. Forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy upon us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. O Lord, open our lips, that our mouth shall show forth Your praise, and that in a world filled with darkness, we may be both salt and light in the earth. Through the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Ephesians 1:7-8)

One: The Good News is this: In the power of Jesus Christ, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God for the new life offered in Jesus Christ. Amen!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As God so loves us, let us love one another. May the peace of Christ be with you this day.

All: And also, with you.

One: May you rise and greet one another with the peace of Christ.

GOD'S WORD FOR THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 14:16-17

Ephesians 2: 1,4-7

Ezekiel 37:1-14

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Restoration and Revival

SILENT REFLECTION

THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(Affirmation of Faith in the form of the Apostles' Creed, Traditional)

**ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was**

crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL: Lord, Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY

Choir

DOXOLOGY : Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD'S PEOPLE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #369

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE

***Today's Altar Flowers are given by Cylvia Ultz in memory of
Ella Yager.***

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please pray for: Our Church, the parishioners of PVEC, our world, our families and friends, Paul Rosa, Helen, Myrna, Patrick, Rob & Cecelia, Laura, Anne, Pam, Diane, the Rosselot Family, Pete Mason, Carol, Kim & family, Bill, John & Kathy, and Joy & Dan

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| Sun. 3/26 | Darasue Braun is preaching |
| Thurs. 3/30 | Easter Flower orders are due |
| Sat. 4/1 | Pancake breakfast and Easter Event |
| 4/21, 4/22, & 4/29 | Spring Rummage Sale |
| Sat. 6/24 | Fish & Chips Dinner |

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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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