



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH
Sunday, August 6 , 2023

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

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

FAITH ~ FAMILY ~ FRIENDS

***Please stand if able**

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS;

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Join the PVEC Bible Study- 7:00 pm on Monday's via Zoom with Terrie Newbold. We are currently studying John 3:16.

PLEASE HELP! The PVEC Food Pantry is running low on soup, box hot cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit. Thank you! Christian Outreach.

You are welcome to join us "Knitting Together", on Mondays at 12:30 pm for crafting with other like mind individuals as we discuss the problems of the world.

Please join us in welcoming the following guest preachers to lead PVEC in worship:
August 6- DaraSue Braun, Aug. 13- Rev. Will Joseph, Aug. 20 & 27 - Dan Ledwith

Sat., Aug. 12th / 4-10 pm Allamuchy Township celebrating 150 years with Music, Family Fun, Food & Fireworks

Trinity Community Kitchen will offer a FREE Meal served with dignity and respect to anyone experiencing food insecurity, homelessness or in need of a hot meal. First & Third Wed. of each Month, starting 9/20. VOLUNTEETS NEEDED
Contact: Elsa Todd info@catchthespirit.org

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Donna and Penny. Join us for fellowship immediately following worship services.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: All nations of the earth, make a joyful shout to the Lord!

P: **Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing!**

L: Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.

P: **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

L: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise!

P: **Be thankful to Him, and bless His name; For the Lord is good, and His truth endures to all generations.**

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN: #139**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty(vv. 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

P: Lord God, You have shown us such love, and stretched out Your arms to draw us into Your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives, or recognize its source. Forgive our short-sightedness, for the times we have failed to see Your love. Forgive us for failing to notice how much You care for us. Help us to make a fresh start, knowing that through the blood of Christ, Your mercy and grace are renewed each day. Through His name we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Assurance of Forgiveness:

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaims that through our Lord's sacrifice, we can now be forgiven of our sins, and reconciled back to the Father to enjoy a relationship with the One true and living God. Our sins are forgiven! All praise and glory to the Lord!

P: Through the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross, we are now forgiven and redeemed.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

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

P: And also with you.

L: May you greet one another with the peace of Christ.

GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read, we may hear with joy what you say to us this day. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 3:1-15

Psalm 2:1-12

Leader will read the New Testament Readings

Luke 10:17-20

Ephesians 6:10-13

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON:- DaraSue Braun,

Be Strong In The Lord

Moment of Silent Prayer/Reflection

THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

P: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

***OFFERTORY:**

***Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN: #158**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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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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