

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Sharon Laverdure.

GREETER for today is Sharon Laverdure.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Mark and Wendy Lichty.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Jack and Kathleen Kauderer in honor of their grandchildren.

#### Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure     Ellie Buff  
Sandra Rydell     Judy Schreck     Jim Hall  
Phil Lawrence     Debbie Prince     Lisa Swanson

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Music Director  
Nursery Attendant  
Technology/Sexton

#### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today     ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
              ~ Fellowship Hour in the lounge, following worship  
              ~ Session meeting, following worship  
Wednesday     ~ Walk & Talk, 1:00 – Creekview Park

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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**August 20, 2023**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**All Services are Live-Streamed**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone”                      ARR. TOM FETTKE

#### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Show us your ways, O Lord.  
**P: Teach us Your paths**  
L: Guide us in Your truth,  
**P: And teach us.**  
L: For You are God, our Savior,  
**P: And our hope is in You all day long.**  
**ALL: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious and faithful God, when we don't know the way – You show us the way; and when we can't find a way – You make a way. Thank you! Thank you for Your gift of a Savior – not a savior who stays distant and aloof, but one who enters the warp and woof of our existence as Emmanuel – God with us; and who then sanctifies every place and time in which we live. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of patient love, Your gracious heart is often a contrast to our chosen way. We are prone to make snap judgments, form quick opinions, and rely on flimsy prejudices. We look for differences that let us exclude, rather than differences that give us cause for celebrating each other's uniqueness. We see the outside and miss the deep glance into the heart. We are all too ready for others to be judged and put in their place. Yet, we are reluctant to look into our own sinful hearts. God of patient love, help us hear again that Your desire is for the best of everyone, even those we try to exclude. Help us in remembering that Your love is for all people. Amen.**

**Moment for Silent Reflection**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

(Pg. 581 in red hymnal)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, amen. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you!  
**P: And also with you!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Here I Am, Lord” Mark Johnsen, Trombone Solo

**THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT

*Psalm 100 (Pg.552)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*John 14:1-14 (Pg. 108)*

EPISTLE

*Romans 2:6-15 (Pg.153)*

L: Word of God for the people of God  
**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Way”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 624

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

**SENDING**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 649

“Amazing Grace”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Let It Rise”

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

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