

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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August 27, 2023
Service for the Lord's Day
All Services are Live-Streamed
OUTDOOR SERVICE – FM 93.9

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus Loves Me” ARR. MARTHA MIER

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage

P: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

L: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

P: Let us worship together, every generation.

L: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

P: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

L: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, “Let the children come!”

ALL: Let us worship together and bless each other today!

*HYMN NO. 310

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who came as a child to show us how to be fully human, to show us how to be children of God. We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for Your blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them all. But in this celebration of education and learning, we do not forget there are children and families and teachers who do not have the resources they need. Today we remember those who are in need this school year and ask that You use us to bless them. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON- ****BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS****

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy One, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, to love greatly, and to speak from our wisdom. 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!

HYMN NO. 754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 22:1-4,9-16 (Pg. 17)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Mark 7:24-30 (Pg.42)*

EPISTLE *Philippians 1:20-30 (Pg.196)*

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

SERMON “Courageous Love” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 828 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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. 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him” ARR. M. MCDONALD

Please Join us in the Lounge for an Ice Cream Sundae!!

*****Children are invited to come bring their own backpacks to be blessed,
as well as join the pastor in blessing all the backpacks. *****

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