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.

LAYREADER for this week is Karl Schrick.

GREETER today is Judy Schreck.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Lisa Menio and Wendy Emery.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Quentin and Charlotte Currie.

FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Sandy Rydell in memory of family members.

Church Elders

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

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel Pastor Jen Carmella Secretary Linda Schaller Music Director Keith Karkut Technology/Sexton Sami Carmella Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

~ Fellowship hour to follow worship ~ Inspararity Dialogues, 4:00 in person

Wednesday

~ Walk & Talk, 1:00 @ Columcille Megalith Park

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August 6, 2023

Service for the Lord's Day **Communion Sunday** All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Awesome God" **PRELUDE**

GATHERING

ARR, JERRY RAY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;
- P: Our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.
- L: Beloved, we are God's children now;
- P: When Christ is revealed, we will be like him.
- L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

ALL: Blessing and honor and glory to God!

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L: The peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Father, Son and Holy Spirit; God of hope, of new life. All our times are in Your hands. We thank and praise You, for You are the Lord of our yesterdays, our todays and our tomorrows. In You, the old is redeemed and everything has become new! Knowing that You are good and strong, loving, wise and faithful; we trust You with all that's on our hearts today from that which brings us to tears in laughter, to that which causes us to weep in sorrow. Loving God, we thank You for grace You've shone to us this week, for prayers to which You've said "yes," and those to which You've said, "No—I have a better idea." Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You are omnipotent, reigning over the universe, and ruling over us. You make a way where there seems to be no way. You expand possibilities beyond our dreams. Yet our challenges shrink our imaginations and shorten our horizons. We forget that You can make the impossible come true, in ways that bring You glory. Forgive our short-sightedness. Remind us of Your power. Pardon us for thinking that it is all up to our own resources. Forgive us for our sins, these and all others. Help us to respond to struggles the way You did. Amen

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Patri

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 WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Nehemiah 4:6-14 (Pg. 433)

NEW TESTAMENT *Matthew 26:36-46 (Pg. 30)*

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 11:24-33 (Pg. 185)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Resilience" Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

*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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

SENDING

HYMN NO. 612 "We Praise You, O God"

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

THE PEACE

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