

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 Lucas Swanson.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Jim Hall, Bob Touw, Benjamin Santana and Isabel Santana.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES this week are Judy and Ed Schreck.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Sonya Cole in memory of her husband, Horace.

GREETER for today is Amanda Denny.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Ellie Buff
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 ~ Session meeting after worship
 ~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
 ~ Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00 pm
Tuesday ~ Women's Circle, 1:00
Wednesday ~ Walk & Talk, 1:00

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June 11, 2023

Service for the Lord's Day

All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

WILLIAM RINGHAM

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, Let us worship.

P: Teach us Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in Your truth; give us undivided hearts to revere Your name.

L: We give thanks to You, O Lord our God, and we will glorify Your name forever.

P: For Your love is great towards us; ...You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

*HYMN NO. 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank You for the blessing of learning. Thank You for the privilege of studying in our chosen areas and for gaining new skills. May each graduate feel joy in celebrating the success You have granted them in this life’s journey. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, we praise You and thank You for Your goodness and grace, for creating us and putting us in the world, for dying for us and giving us new life. We confess we do not live as redeemed sinners. We still hesitate to trust in Your loving plan for our lives. Our overwhelming and consuming concern continues to revolve around our own needs, rather than those of others. We say we love You with our lips when our hearts are so easily distracted by earthly things. We humbly ask for Your forgiveness. Jesus, help us to hold true to what we have attained by Your grace. We pray this in Christ’s Name. 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. 761

“Called as Partners on Christ’s Service”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 31:1-5 (Pg. 505)

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 9:30-37 (Pg. 45)

EPISTLE

Romans 13:11-14:3 (Pg. 162)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Who Is Better?”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

HONORING OUR GRADUATES (see insert)

Ben, Sienna, Rylee and Mikayla

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. 716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“I Song the Mighty Power of God”

LARRY SHACKLEY

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