

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.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Tom and Bobbie Long and Gert and Gerald Roth.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Chris Neighbors in memory of James E. Neighbors, Jr.

GREETERS for today are Jacoby and Jaiden Carmella.

#### Church Elders

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

#### Church Staff

Nicole Vogel  
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Pastor  
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Music Director  
Nursery Attendant  
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#### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today    ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
          ~ Fellowship Hour, following worship  
Wednesday    ~ **NO** Walk & Talk this week

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(\*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

**June 25, 2023**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**All Services are Live-Streamed**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                                      "Variations on Jerusalem the Golden"                                      ARR. ADIN BRUBAKER

#### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
**P: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**  
L: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid on me.  
**P: I suffered distress and anguish.**  
L: Then I called on the name of the LORD.  
**P: Lord, I pray, save my life!**  
L: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?  
**P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**  
L: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN NO. 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord our God, grant us courageous hearts, we pray. Grant that we may always find our strength and support in You and may bear with joy whatever the present days bring us. No matter how much evil occurs, we know that Your peace is already prepared. We await Your peace, and we are allowed to believe that everything will turn out according to Your will and according to the good You have prepared for Your people on earth. For in faith, Your people overcome the world, and at last through their faith, others too may receive something from You and may lift their eyes to You, the God of truth, of justice, of salvation, and of peace. Be with us every day, Lord God. Help us. Bless us, and bless all who try to bring help where it is needed. Let us praise Your name forevermore! Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We celebrate Him! But we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We come, asking You to forgive our sin and eradicate evil in the world; by Your Word and Spirit, purify the good, and raise us from death to a life more abundant and free. Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ, the One who rules the world and is Head of the Church. This we pray in the Name of our Risen Lord, 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

**“Angels Among Us”  
Keith Karkut - Soloist**

DON GOODMAN & BECKY HOBBS

**THE WORD**

GOSPEL

*Luke 24: 13-35 (Pg. 90)*

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

SERMON

“The Road”

Ruth Gardiner

HYMN NO. 835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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. 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Variations on Come Thou Fount”

ARR. CINDY BERRY