

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 Carole Emery.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in memory of her husband, Frank.

GREETERS for today are Heather and Colin Barrett.

Church Elders

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

Today ~ Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
 ~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m.
 ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 ~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
Wednesday ~ Ash Wednesday – services at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.
Friday ~ K-Group, 1:00 p.m.

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February 19, 2023
Service for the Lord's Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” ARR. MARY MCDONALD

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 104: 1-4
L: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.
P: You stretch out the heaven like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind.
L: You make the winds your messengers,
P: fire and flame your ministers.
L: Grace, mercy and peace be yours in abundance, from God our Creator, and Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, in all the great and small choices, I shall make this day, be in my heart and in my choosing that I may come to day's end knowing that I have chosen wisely. Allow me to make a difference for You that is utterly disproportional to who I am. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Bless This House of Worship” JOSEPH MARTIN & STEVE ANGERMAN

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Salt and light, O God, is what you call us to be in your world. Yet we admit our failure in living up to the confidence You have in us. We have fallen short in lighting the way home for those who are lost. We have missed the mark in being salt for flavorless lives. At times we have settled for bland complacency.

We ask Your forgiveness. Help us to experience afresh the wonder of what You will do through surrendered lives. Shake us where we need to be shaken. Take us where we need to be taken. Awaken us to the mystery and joy of a life yielded to You; for Jesus' sake. 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. 369 “Blessing and Honor”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 58: 9-12 (Pg. 688)*

NEW TESTAMENT *Matthew 5: 13-20 (Pg. 4)*

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

SERMON “Scratch of a Match” Rev Thomas Bartha

HYMN NO. 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

APOSTLE’S CREED (pg. 35 in red hymnal)

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.**

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN (on insert) “The Light of the World is Jesus”

POSTLUDE “Rejoice, The Lord is King” ARR. LARRY SHACKLEY

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