

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 A BIRTHDAY this week is Brandon Elliott.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this month are MaryAnne and Douglas Gilbert and Dale and Christy Pedersen.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Horace and Sonya Cole in honor of their mothers, Elba Kressler and Edna Cole.

DEACON of the month is Cindy Schrick.

#### Church Staff

Nicole Vogel  
Jen Carmella  
Linda Schaller  
Bob Lee  
Sami Carmella

Pastor  
Secretary  
Music Director  
Sexton  
Nursery Attendant

#### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ **No** Bell rehearsal this week  
Tuesday ~ Finance & Property Committee meeting, 4:30 p.m.

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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

**May 9, 2021**  
**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Children of the Heavenly Father" ARR. BY KENON RENFROW

#### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go and comforts us in times of need. Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!**

\*HYMN NO. 465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Thank You, that You are a faithful God, Who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Thank You, that we have been called into fellowship with Jesus. May we live to Your praise and glory day by day, in Jesus name, AMEN.**

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate Jesus, put Your heart to our hearts, listen to what is broken in us and touch us with Your healing and hope. We have bruised others by our thoughtless words and premature responses. We have isolated ourselves by arrogance when our opinions become rigid. We cautiously hold back when a bold response is needed. We have counted on our individual resources and missed opportunities of fellowship. Release Your forgiveness through us. Remind us of our connectedness to one another and you. Amen.**  
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☞ **Moment for Silent Reflection** ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Read by Anna Cecchini

## THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT

*Matthew 18:18-20 (Pg. 20)*

EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Pg. 165)*

SERMON

Sermon Series Part 5: “Called to Fellowship of God’s Son”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN (on insert)

“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”

## SENDING

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

\*POSTLUDE

“Showers Of Blessing”

BY JENNIFER COOK