

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.

DEACON OF THE MONTH for March is Cindy Schrick.

GREETERS for today are Karl and Cindy Schrick.

LAY READER for today is Debbie Prince.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in honor of her granddaughter, Emily’s, birthday!

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Olivia Gillard.

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE for children 5 and under. The nursery is located down the right hallway of the building.

Church Staff

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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Choir rehearsal, 8:50 a.m.
~ Adult Ed. class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Deacon’s Coffee Hour, 11:00 a.m.
~ Bell rehearsal, 11:00 .m.
Monday ~ Nexus deadline
Wednesday ~ Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00p.m.

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March 29, 2020
5TH Sunday of Lent
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP
L: The prophet asks: “Can our soul-weary bones live again?”
P: O God, you know!
L: We ask: “Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?”
P: O God, you know!
L: The gift is sure and unmistakable.
P: God’s breath poured out as new life for weary souls!
L: Let us celebrate the gift of God’s new life,
P: and come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

*HYMN NO. 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. One breath from you and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones, given muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you. We are filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit, that what has lain dormant, may burst into bloom and what looks to us to be death, may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death, than hope in Your promise of life. We seek peace through war. We abandon the hungry, sick and dying. We forget to live in the promise of eternal life in the here and now. Help us to see the error of our ways. Help us to give up our understanding of Your knowledge and wisdom of life. 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!

CHOIR ANTHEM “Lonesome Valley” NANCY PRICE & DON BESIG

CHILDREN’S SERMON

MINUTE FOR MISSION

HYMN NO. 754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: O Lord, we wait for You, in Your word, we trust. By the power of Your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace. Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (Pg. 806)

NEW TESTAMENT John 4: 5-42 (Pg. 94)

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

SERMON “Giving It Up: Our Lives” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 372 “O For a World”

APOSTLES’ CREED (Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (Pg. 606 in red hymnal)

*THANKSGIVING, 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. 318 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE