

Pastor Letter 8/18/21

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For those of you who are more familiar with technology, you have probably experienced having an issue with a computer, or internet, and had to unplug to reset everything to restore it to its proper function. This week, I received an email of encouragement from a new friend, and local Rabbi, which had a meme (picture with words) with the words "Almost anything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you." I know for myself, and many others, it is hard to unplug to reboot. Yet, it is so necessary to do so to function well again. We each have a way that helps us unplug so we can reboot, even if we don't realize it. God calls us to closeness with God. One great way to do that is to find our way to unplug and focus on God. Unplugging from the world is not easy, but it helps us reset and regenerate to be the best God had created us to be. This week, I will be trying to unplug and reset. I will be off from Wednesday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, then again Monday through Wednesday of next week. Additionally, to have time to unplug means I will not be writing a pastor letter next week. If you need anything during this time you can call the office or reach out to an elder.

This Sunday, as I unplug, the Rev. Matilda Chase will be the guest preacher. I know you will all welcome her with love, and that she will be a great worship leader. As a reminder, we continue in the phase 4 shortened hybrid worship. Furthermore, I will be in later Sunday afternoon to lead Gerry Gower's funeral at 1:30pm. As an additional friendly reminder, the family is requiring masks to be worn at all times. I look forward to unplugging for a time and I pray that each of you also take some time to unplug and reconnect with who God created you to be.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

*If you are worshipping from home, I would encourage you to use the YouTube platform for optimal streaming quality. Additionally, feel free to sign on early no need to wait right until 10am anymore. *

YouTube: live stream and recording can be found at <https://www.espresbyterian.com/worship/> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/ESPresbyterian>

Facebook: click on the link below near the time the service begins at 10:00am to watch the live stream <https://www.facebook.com/espresbyterian/>

Additionally, bulletins and an online hymnal have been put on the website and can be found at <https://www.espresbyterian.com/worship/sunday-bulletin/>

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