

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 Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Clemence Gower, Steve Hess and Mark Cramer.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Wendy Lichty in memory of her father, Russell Bernd, who passed away 4 years ago.

GREETERS for today are Rick and Becca Sanker.

Church Elders

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

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant
Keith Karkut	Technology/Sexton

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u>	~ Bell rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
	~ Session meeting, following worship
	~ TOALC kickoff, 2:00
	~ Youth Group, 2-4 at Delaware Gap
	~ Inspararity Dialogues, 7;00 p.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	~ Walk & Talk, 1:00

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May 21, 2023
7th Sunday in Easter
Service for the Lord’s Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	“Fairest Lord Jesus” Performed by the Bell Choir	ARR. VENITA MACGORMAN
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GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Relent, Lord! How long will it be?
P: Have compassion on Your servants.
L: Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love,
ALL: That we may sing for joy and be glad in all our days. Let us worship God and enjoy his presence!

*HYMN NO. 396	“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, Bartimaeus shouted when he heard You coming, sprang up, cast away his cloak and ran to You, asked You only for what he needed, his sight. And when You restored him, immediately, he followed You. We give thanks for the people who hear and wait for us, who do not flinch at our humanity, who do not turn away from our vulnerability, who really see us with Your eyes of love. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Merciful God, we join our voices in this prayer of confession because we realize that we are united with each other in our sinfulness. We all sin in ways that are unique to us as individuals. We say and do things that go against Your will for our lives. Forgive us for thinking we are better than others. Forgive us for considering others’ sins worse than our own. Forgive us for being so quick to recognize the sin in others, yet slow to see it in ourselves. Grant us the humility of spirit and the gladness of heart that comes from knowing that Jesus died to take away the sins of the world. Touch our lives with Your healing grace and create in us clean hearts. We pray these things in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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. 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Esther 4:1, 5-14 (Pg. 446)

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 10:46-52 (Pg. 47)

EPISTLE James 2:1-12 (Pg.229)

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

SERMON “Inconvenient Worship” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

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. 305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Take My Life” ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

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