

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 Sharon Laverdure.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Riley Gillard.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Dennis and Jenny Collins.

THE FLOWERS are sponsored this week by

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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today
~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Bell rehearsal immediately following service in Youth room
~ Youth Group Zoom meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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February 21, 2021
1st Sunday in Lent
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There are some journeys for which we long, but the journey to the cross looks as though it will be difficult. The way of discipleship and faith is difficult. We would prefer something easier. We are not ready for this trip. Put our hearts at ease. Remind us that we are not traveling alone. Perhaps we can accomplish this trip. At least we will try the first step.

*HYMN NO. 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The season of Lent is here again and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you. AMEN.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO. 458

“Thy Word”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 23:16 (Pg. 725)

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11 (Pg. 3)

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 4:1-5 (Pg. 209)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“In Context”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN (On Insert)

“Wonderful Words of Life”

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