

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 Ron Powell and Julia Delaney.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Sonya Cole in memory of Horace Cole.

GREETER for today is Lena Wasylyk.

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>	~ Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 a.m.
	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	~ Bell rehearsal in choir room, following worship
	~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
	~ Session meeting, following worship
<u>Tuesday</u>	~ Inspararity Dialogues, 7:00 p.m.
	~ Women’ Circle, 1:00 p.m.

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March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent
Service for the Lord’s Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”	ARR. CHARITY PUTNAM
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GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Jesus asked a thirsty woman for a drink. Then he offered her living water.
P: We would also dare to ask: Give us this drink Lord, that we may never be thirsty again.
L: The Lord answers the thirsty: The time has come to worship God in Spirit and in truth.
ALL: It will be our Lenten journey: to be led by the Spirit, wherever the Spirit chooses, to see where the dry bones still lay, to know where the soul’s thirst may be quenched.

*HYMN NO. 203	“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, You invite us to have a relationship with You. Because of the sacrifice of Your Son, we are able to know You. We praise You for Your presence. Through Your Spirit, You are with us wherever we go. You take pleasure in our prayers and praises. We acknowledge Your presence now and invite You to work in us today. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Living Water, You call us to come and drink. So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water? You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let Your Living Water flow. But we do not trust enough that the spring is there. We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom. You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us. But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves. For all the times we turn away from Your Water, for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it, for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink, Forgive us we pray. 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!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Take Up Your Cross” ARR. LARRY SHACKLEY
Piano Solo – Linda Schaller

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing Carole Emery

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Proverbs 15:1-2, 28 (Pg. 597)

NEW TESTAMENT John 4:5-15 (Pg. 94)

EPISTLE Colossians 4:2-6 (Pg. 202)

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

SERMON “Where New Life Might Begin: Holy Conversations” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 693 “Though I May Speak”

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.

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

HYMN (on insert) “Are Ye Able”

POSTLUDE “Jesus Shall Reign” ARR. FAYE LOPEZ

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