

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 Esai Gillard, Kaiu Gillard, Will Charpentier, Greg Menio, Kelley Stuetz, Brielle Cecchini

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Betty Chu in memory of her husband, Joe Chu.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Session meeting, following worship

Thank you to all members of the Bell Choir for a great performance on Easter. The selection was a great way to praise our risen Lord. Thank you for being a dedicated group of people.

~Linda Schaller

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday in Easter
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Jesus Loves Us" by Mary McDonald

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come sisters and brothers, gather together. Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life. Find comfort and hope. Place your dreams and concerns at His feet. Find courage and renewal. Give your questions and doubts to God. Find peace that lightens the load and restores your faith. Come all to be a part of this, called family of love, community of song, a people of prayer.

*HYMN NO. 183

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news. Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. Amen

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and loving God, you know who we are. We have spent so much time preparing for Easter celebrations. We have rushed around and now we are exhausted. Our need for rest is so important, but we have let plans and schedules crowd in, shouting their demands on our time and energies. Forgive us, Lord, when we have focused so much time on these things and have not sought your healing, restoring love. Help us to be who you call us to be by resting in You. Teach us a stillness that leads to acts of kindness and clarity of vision. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30 (Pg. 11)

EPISTLE

Romans 7:15-25 (Pg. 157)

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

SERMON

Sermon Series Part 1: "Called to Rest"

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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