

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.

DEACON OF THE MONTH for April is Bonnie Miller.

LAY READER for today is Sharon Laverdure.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Carole Emery, Debbie Prince and Walt Emery.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Ron and Brenda Bruce.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
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Mike Silvoy
Bill Mack
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Session meeting, following worship
Monday ~ Youth Group meeting viz Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
(Youth members, you will receive an email with a link for the zoom meeting)

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

April 19, 2020
2nd Sunday of Easter
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The joy of the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ is with us. We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives. Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe. Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light. Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory Alleluia! Amen.

*HYMN NO. 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives. As we gather this morning, we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today, banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of empty tombs and empty people, when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us and remind us to be humble. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us and fill us with your joy. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

PSALTER

Psalm 16 (Pg. 495)

NEW TESTAMENT

John 20:19-31 (Pg. 115)

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1: 3-9 (Pg. 232)

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

SERMON

“Accepting Christ”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 837

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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