

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 Jim Hall.

GREETER for today is Sandy Rydell.

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

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Linda Schaller in honor of her son, Bill and daughter-in-law, Dorothy's anniversary.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Ed. class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Bell Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
~ Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
~ Confirmation class, 2:00 p.m. at Shawnee
Monday ~ TOALC classes begin

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

May 22, 2022

6th Sunday in Easter

Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him”
The Bell Choir

ARR. MARTHA THOMPSON

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
P: who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
L: who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
P: who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace,
L: and has made known to us the mystery of his will.
ALL: This is our God! Let's worship him together.

*HYMN NO. 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, You who love us more than we can know, who chose us from the very beginning to be family. We praise your holy name, Jesus Christ, Son of God, Word become flesh, who dwelt among us and was sacrificed for us, we praise Your holy name. Holy Spirit, present and power in our lives, from the moment that we first believed, we praise Your holy name.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Why are we always willing to descend into the worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come into Your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in Your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear Your whispers of hope for us? Why do we believe the lies that we are not enough? Forgive us, and fill us with Your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, and may we remind ourselves that You came so we might become Your children, chosen inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever. Help us to recall that we alone are enough 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. 697

“Take My Life”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:1-5 (Pg. 672)

NEW TESTAMENT

John 15:7-17 (Pg 109)

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-10 (Pg. 193)

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

SERMON

“Being Chosen”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN (on insert)

“Trust and Obey”

APOSTLES’ CREED

(Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

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 NO. 69

“Here I Am, Lord”

POSTLUDE

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

ARR. MARIANNE KIM