

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 June is Lucas Swanson.

LAY READER for today is Carole Emery.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Jim and Carol Hall in memory of Jim's brother, Bill.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Bob Touw, Benjamin Santana and Isabel Santana.

CELEBRATING ANNOVERSARIES this week are Ed and Judy Schreck and Chris and Nicole Vogel.

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### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Session meeting, following worship.  
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship  
~ Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00 pm  
Monday ~ 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 pm  
Wednesday ~ Walk & Talk, 1:00 pm

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# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(\*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

## June 12, 2022

### Holy Humor Sunday!

#### Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Jesus Loves Me”

ARR. MARTH MIER

### COMING TOGETHER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Joy is loose,

**P: In the wiggles of the children.**

L: The whispers of the youth,

**P: The smiles of the adults.**

L: We praise God for this glorious day,

**P: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.**

L: Joy and praise fills our hearts and, in our songs,

**All: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.**

\*HYMN OF JOY

“Deck the Halls”

PAUL LINTERN

**Deck the halls with Easter lilies, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!**

**Dance a jig and sing the sillies, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!**

**At the devil, mean, old bloke, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!**

**On whom God has played a joke, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!**

**Devil thought he'd won the battle, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!  
Pranced around high in the saddle, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!  
Did not know God's special plan, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!  
Resurrect the Son of Man! Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!**

**Followers, rejoice and sing, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!  
Now's the triumph of our King, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!  
Lord of life is ris'n this day, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!  
Let the world rejoice and say, Fa-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**You smiled and the sun burst through the shadows of chaos; You chuckled, and the platypus splashed in creation's fountain; You laughed, and all that is good and beautiful was given shape by You, Imaginative God. Snickering at the feeble attempts of the evil one, You showed us how to resist temptation; giggling at sin's desperate desire to hold on to us, You released us by Your love; howling with laughter at death's foolish belief that the tomb could hold You, You burst forth into the kingdom as the stars pealed with joy, laughing Jesus. Amen**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of joy and salvation, forgive us for thinking of You as a grouchy judge out to get us. Forgive us for holding tightly to all things wrong and failing to see the great good in our world. Forgive us for being so picky that nothing ever satisfies us. Forgive us for making fear our ruler and turning our face from You. Fill us with Your laughter, with healing joy, with the love poured into us through Jesus, the Christ. Let us empty that joy into others, bringing smiles and laughter everywhere we go. Amen.**

**☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(sung to Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

**God of resurrection glory, Spirit bringing joy and peace, We will witness to the story voices sing your mighty deeds. Use our gifts and let them serve you, let them grace and mercy bring. 'Til our world of pain and sorrow knows Christ's love, begins to sing!**

**\*THE PEACE**

**L: May the joy and fun of God be with you!**

**P: And also with you!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Joyful, Joyful Lord We Adore Thee”  
(SEE INSERT)**

ARR. BY MERVYN WARREN

**BE ATTENTIVE**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Pg. 616)*

**NEW TESTAMENT**

*John 20:19-29 (Pg. 115)*

**EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 4:28-32 (Pg. 194)*

**L: Word of God for the people of God**

**P: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

**“Sharing Jokes with God”**

**Pastor Nicki**

**HYMN**

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

This little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, this little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine

This little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

All around the neighborhood  
I'm going to let it shine  
All around the neighborhood  
I'm going to let it shine  
All around the neighborhood

I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No!  
I'm going to let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No!  
I'm going to let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel? No!  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Don't let Satan [blow] it out!  
I'm going to let it shine  
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!  
I'm going to let it shine  
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

## HEADING OUT

DEDICATION OF OFFERING-

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord's Prayer- (Lord's Prayer from The Message)

**Our Father in heaven, reveal who You are. Set the world right; Do what's best— as above, so below. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with You and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. You're in charge! All true power belongs to You, now and forever! You're ablaze in glory! Amen. Amen...and Amen!**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSICAL SELECTION-

"My God"

ARR. SMOKEY ROBINSON

(You are invited to join in singing along with the video)

POSTLUDE

"Sing to the King"

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

## SUPPLEMENTAL LITURGIES FOR COVID-TIDE

