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 Karl Schrick.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Albert Menio, Sharon Laverdure, Kyle Kintz, Barbara Braithwaite, Anna Mae West and Bill Ellis.

GREETER this week is Carole Emery.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by David and Barbara Braithwaite in memory of Barbara's parents, Morris and Geraldine Blivin.

DEACON of the month is MaryAnne Gilbert.

## **Church Elders**

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff Sandra Rydell Judy Schreck Jim Hall Phil Lawrence Debbie Prince Lisa Swanson

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

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

- ~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
- ~ Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00 p.m.

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July 17, 2022 Service for the Lord's Day

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRELUDE

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

MICHAEL LARKIN

# **GATHERING**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Living and faithful Spirit, the God in whom we live and move and have our being,
- P: Bless us one and all as we wait on You this day.
- L: Please remove from our minds and hearts whatever impediments hinder worship or dampen our joy.
- P: Increase within us that holy longing for closeness which can open our lives to fuller delight and to a deeper commitment.
- L: May our hymns and prayers, our searching thoughts, and our hearing of the Scriptures,

ALL: Make us recall Your goodness and joy!

\*HYMN NO. 839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Our souls long for the refreshment of Your presence, where You withhold no good thing from those who delight in You, who put their trust in You. Lift up our hearts that we may sing with joy in Your presence and carry the music of the living God to all the earth. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We search for joy and meaning in our world. We look for it in our careers, our social circles, and along many of our paths in life. But these things are often fleeting, and our search is unsustainable. God forgive us for not seeking Your kingdom first. Remove those blinders that prevent us from seeing what You are doing in the world and in our lives. Help us to have our eyes focused only on You. May we seek the ultimate treasure which is Your salvation. Help us to delight in You knowing we are a forgiven people, who find joy in the assurance that we are Yours. In Jesus' Name 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!

# THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 15: 1-10 (Pg. 77)

EPISTLE Romans 7:18-25 (Pg. 157)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Joy or Delight?" Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 610 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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. 623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"