

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 Sharon Laverdure.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Albert Menio, Sharon Laverdure, Kyle Kintz, Barbara Braithwaite, Anna Mae West and Bill Ellis.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Rich and Sharon Laverdure in memory of loved ones.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

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

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday ~ Finding Common Ground via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
RSVP : bit.ly/humanity0722

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

July 18, 2021
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Take Time to Be Holy”

ARR. JOHN TURNER

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Summoned by grace,
P: Beckoned by mercy,
L: Invited to find rest,
P: Called to receive hope.
L: Welcomed into peace,
P: Ushered into quietness,
L: Gentled into awe
P: Blessed with joy we come to worship God.

*HYMN NO.32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Tender, comforting Shepherd, Your steadfast love is present in this place. But sometimes it is hard, so very hard, to open ourselves to Your love. Help us know your loving presence as we live as Your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and persistent God, Your love for us is everlasting and gentle. We need reminders of Your uplifting grace because we too often only see things in black and white ways. We hold on to our own patterns even when they weave tension and disagreement. We let our actions be affected by worldly ideologies and beliefs. Because we fail to seek Your will for our lives, the short-term good we try often creates long-term problems. Forgive our failure to see the grey areas where You are most often at work. Let Your patient and persistent love hold us tenderly as we learn to wait for Your whispered guidance and follow Your path. Forgive us for when we have failed to see the ways you should have us go. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN (on insert)

“He Is Lord”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 50:15-20 (Pg. 48)

NEW TESTAMENT

John 5:1-13 (Pg. 96)

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

SERMON

“ Grey Matters”

Pastor Nicki

HYMNNO. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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

“Holy is The Lord”

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST