

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.

LAYREADER for this week is Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Caius Avery Demerest, Wendy Emery, Jean Warner, MaryAnne Gilbert and Sonya Cole.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Quentin and Charlotte Currie.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by

Church Staff	
Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Mike Silvoy	Sexton
Bob Lee	Sexton
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	~ Session meeting in the pavilion, following worship

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East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

August 9, 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the tides of fear seem to overwhelm us, we cry out... “Lord, come to us and lead us to paths of safety”! When we feel lost and alone and we wonder if anyone cares about us, we cry out...” Lord, come and heal our wounded spirits”. When turbulence within and without seem to threaten us, we cry out.... “Lord, bring us peace”. AMEN.

*HYMN NO. 302 “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

We sing and speak Your praise, O God, grateful for the many times in which You have forgiven us. Keep our hearts, our minds and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer Your forgiving love to others. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Here we are again, God with all that makes us who we are, all that fills our lives. Carrying into this place of joy and freedom the burdens we just can’t seem to lay down, the weight of all the scores we long to have settled, the justice we want to demand for the wrongs we have suffered. Yet, we also know what would happen if you were to deal with us justly. If justice was served in our lives we could not stand. So forgive us our wrongs, God, forgive us against the demands of justice. Forgive our obsession that justice be done to those who have wronged us. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC “When You Believe” BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ
Vocal Duet Carole Emery and MaryAnne Gilbert

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 50:15-21(Pg. 48)

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 18:21-35(Pg. 20)

EPISTLE

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

SERMON

“Forgiveness Series-Part 5” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

SENDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE 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