

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 Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Mark and Wendy Lichty.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Sandy Rydell in memory of all the congregants we have lost in this past year.

DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

Church Staff

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

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

August 22, 2021
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" ARR. HELEN LEMMEL

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: All you who are thirsty,

P: this is the place for water.

L: All you who are hungry,

P: this is the place to be fed.

L: Why spend your earnings on what is not food? Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?

P: Here, without money, here, without price, all may enjoy the bread of heaven.

L: God speaks,

P: and all who listen will have life. AMEN.

*HYMN NO. 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Spirit, the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified. Hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us, we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and grace, we come before You this day knowing in our hearts that we have not been Your faithful followers. We confess that we have been busy with so many things that we have often forgotten You. We have made little gods out of the things that we covet. Sometimes our pet beliefs and interpretations have been all-consuming as we do battle to correct others and presume to defend You. We have forgotten that Your love is stronger than any force on earth. Forgive our mistrust of its power, and draw us back into the company of disciples who are learning and growing in love.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO. 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

THE WORD

PSALTER

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 (Pg. 215)

GOSPEL

John 6: 56-69 (Pg. 98)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“A Difficult Teaching”

PASTOR TILLIE

HYMN NO. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

VERSES 1,2, & 5

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

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” ARR. CATHERINE WENK WORTH