

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 Rebecca Sanker.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Jacob Santana.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Keith Karkut in memory of loved ones.

DEACON of the month is Wendy Lichty.

GREETER for today is Wendy Lichty.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff
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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Bell rehearsal following worship in Youth Room
~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
~ Session meeting, following worship
~ Inspirarity Dialogues, 7:00 p.m.
Monday ~ TOALC classes start
Tuesday ~ Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m.
~ Women's Circle meeting, 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday ~ Men's luncheon, noon in the Lounge

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September 11, 2022
Service for the Lord's Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Going Home”

ARR. JOSEPH MARTIN

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We proclaim the message of the cross.

P: This is the wisdom and power of God.

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

P: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

L: Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

P: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

L: Jesus, said take up your cross.

ALL: May the word of God be fulfilled among us and through us!

*HYMN NO. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

It is too easy, God, for faith to become an escape, a way to avoid the pain of being human and alive, a path to success, a way to persuade the universe to give us the things we want, a system of control, a way to bend others to our will. But the faith you offer is different, more dangerous and compelling. It's the faith that carries the cross, that embraces death and lays itself down for the sake of others. It's the only faith that can lead us to resurrection to life renewed and overflowing. We praise you for this faith, God, and open our hearts to receive it. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You have loved us so well. You have been kind to us. You have given us all that we need. You have kept us from danger. You have given us new life and forgiveness in Your Son, Jesus, but we have sinned against you, doing what You told us not to do. We think and live like You don't love us, like You don't see our struggles, like You don't see our needs. We think that other idols of money, more stuff, looking good, seeming smart, and feeling accepted will make us whole and happy. But really, only You can make us whole and joyful. Help us trust You when You say, "I will be with you." Help us to let go of our idols and embrace the way You would have us go. 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!**

HYMN NO. 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 20:1-6 (Pg. 66)

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 8:31-38 (Pg. 44)

EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-17 (Pg. 158)

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

SERMON

"Taking Up Our Cross"

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN NO. 337

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

POSTLUDE

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

ARR. JENIFER COOK