

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 Barbara Braithwaite.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Jacob Santana.

THE FLOWERS are given this week by Bill Cramer to the Glory of God!

DEACON of the month is Bonnie Miller.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Sexton
Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Session meeting, following worship
~ TOALC Kickoff, 2:00 p.m.
Monday ~ TOALC classes begin
Tuesday ~ Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m.

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

September 12, 2021
Service for the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" L. STEAD & W. KIRKPATRICK

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise God with bouquets of joy and miles of laughter.
P: Praise God for children's delight and grandparents wisdom.
L: Praise God for the slant of sunlight and the eagle's flight.
P: Praise God with deeds of love and words of compassion and care.
L: Praise God with the sound of voices raised together in songs and prayers.
ALL: Let us indeed PRAISE GOD!

*HYMN (no. 21 in songbook) "He Has Made Me Glad"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, let us feel Your presence today, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving Your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow Your ways all the days of our lives and see ourselves as You see us. AMEN.

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SERMON

“God’s Perception”

Pastor Nicki

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy One, we call to You eternal, ever-present and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Sometimes we struggle in not judging ourselves too harshly. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see ourselves the way You see us. Help us in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously and to speak from Your wisdom. Amen.

HYMN NO. 441

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

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.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN NO. 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Habakkuk 1:12-14 (Pg. 871)

POSTLUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

ARR. CHESTER ALLEN

NEW TESTAMENT

Colossians 1:9-14 (Pg. 199)