

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 BIRTHDAYS this week are Carol Hall and Jamie Mattern.

THE FLOWERS this week are given by Sonya Cole in honor of her and Horace’s children.

GREETERS for today are Keith Karkut and Colin Barrett.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Ellie Buff
Sandra Rydell Judy Schreck Jim Hall
Phil Lawrence Debbie Prince Lisa Swanson

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Sami Carmella	Nursery Attendant
Keith Karkut	Technology/Sexton

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

<u>Today</u>	~ Happy Mother’s Day!
	~ Choir rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	~ Fellowship Hour, following worship
	~ Bell rehearsal, after worship in choir room
<u>Wednesday</u>	~ Walk & Talk, 1:00

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May 14, 2023
6th Sunday in Easter
Service for the Lord’s Day
All Services are Live-Streamed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	“All Thing Bright & Beautiful”	CECIL ALEXANDER
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GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,
P: for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.
L: She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.
P: Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.
L: Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.
ALL: She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

*HYMN (on insert)	“Faith of Our Mothers”
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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, abundance, and joy, who pours out Your love on us every day: When we had no hope, You came as a light in our dark time. When we were weak, You came in power to lift us up. When we were lost, You showed us the way. When we were confused, You told us the truth when others lied to us. When we were alone, You came to give us life, and life abundantly. Because of Your faithfulness in our yesterdays, we place our tomorrows in Your good hands.

CHOIR ANTHEM “These Are the Things” J. PAUL WILLIAMS & DAVID LANTZ III

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, You have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are clutching, when we should be giving generously, hoarding when we could be giving freely, doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful, instead of trusting in Your everlasting care. Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of Your love, which cares for the flowers of the fields, the birds in the air, each child, each parent, and every adult who struggles. Loving God, give us again the assurance of Your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. 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!

MOTHER’S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 458 “Thy Word”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Malachi 3:6-15 (Pg. 890)

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 6:19-25 (Pg. 6)

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 9:6-13 (Pg. 183)

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

SERMON “Holding Back” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 697 “Take My Life” verses 1.2.4.6

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. AMEN.

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.

HYMN NO. 612 “We Praise You, O God”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” ARR. RICK FOUNDS

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