

Worship Celebration: February 18, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Welcome to Lent at Epworth! This year we'll be using the Psalms to guide our journey during this important season of the Christian Year. We begin today as Jesus begins, in the wilderness, looking at the beginning of his ministry. We will look at our own lives – and become aware of where we are with Christ, where we have sinned, where God is calling us to go to be more faithful people. Our series is entitled – From Psalms to Palms – Living Faith. Together we hope to take the steps necessary to deepen our faith and

gratitude and commitment to Christ! Today we take the first step. We're glad you're here to share the journey with us!

## EPWORTH

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*VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community*

*MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care*

☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

### Praise Gathering

#### THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds; king and kingdoms will bow down  
and ev'ry chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise,  
for who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.*

*He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,  
and ev'ry knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
for the sin of the world; His blood breaks the chains,  
and ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.*

*Oh, ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.*

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings.  
Our God, who comes to save, is here to set the captives free,

for who can stop the Lord Almighty? {Refrain}

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Oh, who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord? {Refrain}

TAG: *Oh--- and ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb!*  
*Oh--- ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb!*<sup>1</sup>

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Glenn

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Singing in Praise

GOD IS ON THE MOVE

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light;  
anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight;  
anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served,  
I know, I know, I know, I know:

*God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah! God is on the move in many mighty ways.*  
*God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah! God is on the move, on the move today.*

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees  
or dares to speak the truth that sets us free;  
anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word,  
I know, I know, I know, I know: {Refrain}

I see a generation standing on the truth.  
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul,  
and someone says, "Send me. Here I go."  
I know, I know, I know, I know: (refrain 2X; bridge)<sup>2</sup>

## Joys & Concerns

### CONCERNS:

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*Pauline Wenke*  
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Tom Winter  
Jane Workinger

Continued Healing for those recovering from surgeries, procedures or hospitalizations:

Rose Barcellona, Bob Mazur, Marian Ward

Today we light the PEACE CANDLE as we pray for peace throughout our world.

**\*Prayers of the People**

Glenn

L: We are in the wilderness.

As much as we have tried to map, domesticate, and routinize every inch of our planet and every moment of our lives, we know our maps do not tell us where we are with you, O God, and our schedules often serve to distract us from the reality that we ourselves and so many of our neighbors on this planet are in the wilderness, too.

And so we pray:

**P: Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

L: With all persons kept in poverty or slavery, all who are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, all who face addiction of any kind, and all who are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are;

**P: Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

L: With leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; with our families, friends, and neighbors; and with all who work to sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders;

**P: Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

L: With all who need your healing power, and with all who offer healing through their skill and presence; with all who have harmed us, and all whom we have harmed by our action or inaction;

*Silence*

**P: Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

L: Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, and free us for lives of joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

L: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**P: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! Amen!**

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer (*sung responsively*)

## ☞ We Engage the Word ☛

### Lesson

*Psalm 25:1-10*

Sofia Tamburello

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

### Lenten Hymn

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

FWS 2105

Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread;

“Use your pow'r,” the tempter tells him; “Turn these barren rocks to bread!”

“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “can the human heart be filled.

Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!”

### Gospel Play

#### \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 4:1-11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Brothers and Sisters,  
This is the Word of God for the People of God.

§Thanks be to God

*JESUS, TEMPTED IN THE DESERT (CONT)*

When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread.  
By your grace, protect, preserve us, lest we fall, your trust betray.  
Yours above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

Sermon

*From Psalms to Palms: The First Step*

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

Song of Response

*FOREVER*

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever.  
Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us. Forever  
Forever.<sup>3</sup>*

**Invitation to Offering** ~ Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.

Glenn

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Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

*THIS IS AMAZING GRACE*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings. {Refrain}

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (3X)  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy, worthy! {Refrain}

TAG: All that You've done for me. (repeat) <sup>4</sup>

## ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

### \*Benediction

Vicky

### \*Sending Song

### MY LIGHTHOUSE

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.  
In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!  
Oh My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea. *Chorus*}

Bridge: Fire before us, You're the brightest.

You will lead us through the storms. (*Repeat 4X – Chorus*)<sup>5</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of February are sponsored by Russ Mullen.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Curtis Drury, by Diana Young.

Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

The special Peace Candle on the Chancel shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

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Acolyte Alexis Brown

Sound Ken Mahan, Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Barbara Brittingham, Lori Watson, Joyce Pool, Jean Waters, Sam & Tomas Vyas

## Worship Resources

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