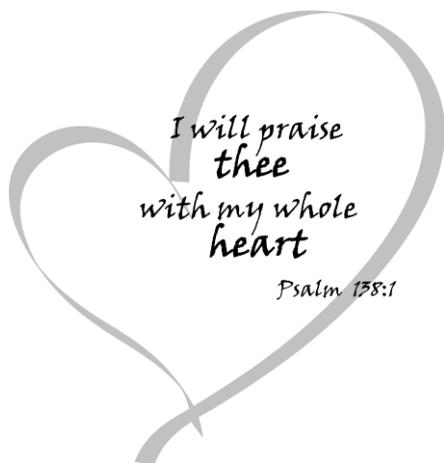


Worship Celebration: March 4, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Year B)

*From Psalms to Palms: Living Faith* is our sermon series during Lent, preparing us for our journey of faith as we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, Sunday, March 25, sit at the table with Jesus at the Last Supper, March 29, and follow him to the cross, March 30. All of this culminates in our celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 1. After Ash Wednesday, we addressed temptation and sin two weeks ago, followed by a focus on the Word of God as enlightened by scriptures last week. Today, we focus on the heart as we examine our need to express gratitude. Today's sermon, *Grounded in Gratitude*, helps us to be more aware of God's blessings in our lives and to examine how we respond to such a generous gift. Jesus' response was to give his all, sacrificing self that we all might know of God's embracing

love. All are welcome to join us in worship and please feel free to join us today as we share the bread and cup of Holy Communion.

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☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

### Praise Gathering

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>1</sup>*

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Singing in Praise

*NOBODY FILLS MY HEART LIKE JESUS*

I'd like to say, Lord, from the start. Thank You for breaking through my heart.  
Thank You for tearing ev'ry chain apart. When I was lost You made a way,  
You turned the darkest night to day. You are my joy and Lord, I'd like to say that

*Nobody fills my heart like Jesus! Nobody thrills me like You do!  
Nobody fills my heart like Jesus) Nobody, Lord, but You! (repeat) Nobody but You!*

When I am weak, my Lord, You're strong, Loving me even when I'm wrong.  
Lord, You are my salvation and my song. Every day I'll make the choice  
Just listening, following Your voice. Being with You, I can't help but rejoice for *{Refrain}* <sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

Vicky

### ✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

### Prayer of Confession

We have come to your temple, loving God, because this is your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to you as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny your love, which is at the heart of your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and confess. Amen.

### Silence is kept

### Words of Assurance

When our prayers become more than pious words; when, in awe before God, we truly seek forgiveness; the Almighty becomes for us a guiding presence. We are healed, strengthened, and set free from our slavery to sin. In steadfast love, God claims us, saying: You are my people. Dare to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

10,000 REASONS

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. {Refrain}

## ☞ We Engage the Word ☛

### Lesson

*Psalm 138*

Susan Jimenez

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow  
down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and  
your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your  
mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far  
away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you  
stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Brothers and Sisters,

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**\$Thanks be to God**

### 10,000 REASONS (CONT)

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore (refrain 2x)

(tag) *Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.*<sup>3</sup>

### Sermon

*"Psalms to Palms: Grounded in Gratitude"*

Rev. Glenn Catley

### Joys & Concerns

Vicky

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

Vicky

*Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038*

*and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish*

*Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

### THANK YOU, LORD

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say;

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see;

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;  
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord*

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
You took my sin and my shame. You took my sickness and healed all my pain;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name. {Repeat Refrain 2X}<sup>4</sup>

### ☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

#### \*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

*with sung responses as in FWS 2257b,c,d*

The Lord be with you.

Vicky

§ And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

§ We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

§ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us  
through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and  
join their unending hymn:

§ Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

*FWS 2257b*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

*(Please be seated)*

Glenn

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

To preach good news to the poor,

To proclaim release to the captives

And recovering of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
And to announce that the time had come  
When you would save your people.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Vicky

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

§ **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.** *FWS 2257c*  
**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Glenn

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

§ **Amen. Amen. Amen.** *FWS 2257d*  
**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

§ **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞

Music during Communion HUNGRY (FALLING ON MY KNEES)

Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy.  
I am empty but I know Your love does not run dry.  
So I wait for You, so I wait for You

*I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me. Jesus You're all this heart is living for.*

Broken, I run to You for Your arms are open wide  
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.  
So I wait for You, so I wait for You. (refrain 3x)

So I wait for You, so I wait for You  
So I wait for You, so I wait for You {Refrain}

Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy.  
I am empty but I know Your love does not run dry.<sup>5</sup>

ENOUGH

*All of you is more than enough for all of me, for every thirst and  
Every need you satisfy me with your love and all I have in you is more than enough.*

You're my supply, my breath of life, still more awesome than I know.  
You're my reward worth living for, still more awesome than I know. {Refrain}

You're my Sacrifice of greatest price. Still more awesome than I know  
You're my coming King, You are everything. Still more awesome than I know {Refrain}

(Bridge) More than all I want, more than all I need.  
You are more than enough for me.  
More than all I know, more than all I can say,  
You are more than enough for me.  
More than all I want, more than all I need.  
You are more than enough for me.  
More than all I know, more than all I can say,  
You are more than enough.... (refrain 2x)

(Tag) *Is more than enough. You are more than enough.*<sup>6</sup>

\*Benediction

Glenn

**\*Sending Song**

ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you get to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

*And all the people said Amen. Whoa. And all the people said Amen.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said Amen.*

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall,  
And He so loved the world, He sent his son to save us all. {Refrain}

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,  
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. {Refrain 2x}

TAG: Yeah! And all the people said Amen. <sup>7</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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