



Today, we begin a sermon series entitled, *And Are We Yet Alive!* We ask the question, *How did this ragtag group of nobodies from a politically powerless country develop into a force that changed the values of the Mediterranean world?* We examine the early Christian Church as found in Acts of the Apostles to discover the qualities and vision that empowered this transformation. On this Sunday, we look again at the Apostles Peter, Paul and Mary (yes, she was a valued disciple of Jesus) and the roles they played in this transformation *From Fear to Function*. All are welcome at Epworth and your participation truly makes a difference.

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community
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☪ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☪

Praise Gathering

CHILDREN OF GOD

Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 Our God and our King; To Him we will sing.
 In His great mercy He has given us life;
 Now we can be called the children of God.
 Great is the love that the Father has given us;
 He has delivered us, He has delivered us!

*Children of God, sing your song and rejoice for the love that He has given us all.
 Oh, children of God by the blood of His son, we have been redeemed,
 and we can be called children of God, children of God.*

The mystery is revealed to the universe;
 The Father above has proven His love.
 Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve,

So we are called the children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us;
He has delivered us, He has delivered us! {Refrain}

Bridge: We are the saints, we are the children,
We've been redeemed, we've been forgiven;
We are the sons and daughters of our God. (Repeat 2x, Refrain)

Tag: *Children of God! Children of God. (Bridge 2x)* ¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

*Passing the Peace

*Singing in Praise

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) ²

Children's Celebration

Rev. Vicky Starnes

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide,
where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,
where all the love I've ever felt comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.*

✪ We Engage the Word ✪

Lesson

I John 3:16-24

Janet Taylor-Smith

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.

And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.
I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.
I have received this command from my Father.”

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

§Thanks be to God

AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED) (CONT)

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life.
Here I bow down, here I bow.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

Savior of the world. Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Savior of the world. Jesus. ³

Sermon

From Fear to Function

Rev. Glenn Catley

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Commitment

LOVE THE LORD

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength; (*repeat*)

With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind; with all your strength; (*repeat*)

-4-Bar Instrumental-

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; (*repeat*)

With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength;
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength;

-8-Bar Instrumental-

I will love You, (echo) I will praise You; (echo)
I will serve You, (echo) I will trust You. (echo)

With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength; *(repeat)*

I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind and with all my strength; *(repeat 2x)* ⁴

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

Vicky

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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!

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)* ⁵

Joys & Concerns

(Mics Go Out Today)

Vicky

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

FWS 2278

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

*Benediction

Glenn

*Sending Song

WE BELIEVE

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,
there is only one foundation: we believe, we believe.
In this broken generation, when all is dark, you help us see.
There is only one salvation: we believe, we believe.

*We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the Crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.*

So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing.
In our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe! {Refrain}

Let the lost be found, and dead be raised; in the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live loud! Our God will save. We believe! We believe!
And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the power of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

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We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back, He's coming back again!
He's coming back again! We believe! We believe! ⁶*

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored in memory of Loved Ones by Linda Miniscalco & Jeanne Drake.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of Ron Steen by Michael Cockey;
- In memory of Loved Ones by James & Jackie Travis.

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 Autumn Reynolds

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Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Nancy Almacy, Maureen Ewadinger, Cathy McCallister, Karen Hugues

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