

Worship Celebration: May 6, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)



We continue to ask the question of how this ragtag group of frightened followers of Jesus became a force that transformed the world in the two and a half centuries after Jesus in our preaching series entitled, *And Are We Yet Alive*. Today, we look at the experiences and journeys of Andrew, Bartholomew (also known as Nathaniel) and Thomas in a sermon, *From Old Vocations to New Callings*. You might remember that Andrew was a fisherman, but did you know that Bartholomew was from royal blood and lived a privileged life, or that Thomas was a carpenter or better yet a builder. All three become Apostles who create communities of compassion that follow the commandment of Jesus to love one another. Just as true for these early disciples, those of us at Epworth value all persons and respect the dignity of every creature, large and small. Everyone is welcome here, so thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

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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

TRUST IN YOU

Letting go of ev'ry single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.

Ev'ry moment of my wandering never changes what You see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need Your rest.

Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,*

*When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,*

*When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You, I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.*

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings; there's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.

So, in all things be my life and breath. I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less. {Chorus}

I will trust in you. You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand.

You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.

Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.  
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood. {Chorus}

TAG: I will trust in You. I will trust in You. I will trust in You. <sup>1</sup>

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Singing in Praise

#### BEAUTIFUL ONE

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love. Your cross has spoken mercy over me  
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know how glorious, how beautiful You are!

*Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One my soul must sing.*

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies, Your mighty works displayed for all to see.  
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing:  
How marvelous, how wonderful You are! (Refrain 2X)

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew, You captured my heart with this love;  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You. (repeat) {Refrain}

My soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing.  
My soul, my soul must sing. Beautiful One. (repeat) (Refrain 2x)<sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

David Garrett

### ✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

### Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

Even now, God is giving us victory over the limitations we impose on ourselves. When we trust God's love, we can emerge from the shell of self-protection to celebrate the joy of friendship in Christ. We can dare to show love that is not dependent on others' responses. We can serve without the need for recognition. Praise God!

#### 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.*

## ☞ We Engage the Word ☞

### New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

David Hagelin

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### CHILDREN OF GOD (CONT)

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}*

### \*Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

### CHILDREN OF GOD (CONT)

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)* <sup>3</sup>

Sermon

“From Old Vocations to New Callings”

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!

SAME POWER

I can see the waters raging at my feet. I can feel the breath of those surrounding me.  
I can hear the sound of nations rising up. We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome.

I can walk down this dark and painful road. I can face ev'ry fear of the unknown.  
I can hear all God's children singing out. We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome.

*The same power that rose Jesus from the grave,  
the same power that commands the dead to wake lives in us, lives in us.  
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks,  
the same power that can calm a raging sea lives in us, lives in us. He lives in us, lives in us.*

We have hope that His promises are true. In His strength, there is nothing we can't do.  
Yes, we know there are greater things in store.  
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome. {Refrain}

Greater is He that is living in me; He's conquered our enemy.  
No power of darkness, no weapon prevails; we stand here in victory, oh. (Repeat)  
...in victory. Yeah! {Refrain} TAG: He lives in us. <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

#### COME TO THE TABLE

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in. This is where grace begins.

We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give.

Oh, the shape that we were in. And just when all hope seemed lost, love opened the door for us.

*He said: Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.*

*Take your place beside the savior. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.*

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves;

there's no one unwelcome here. And that sin and shame that you brought with you,  
you can leave it at the door and let mercy draw you near.

*So, come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.*

*Take your place beside the savior. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table. Come to the table.*

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,

to the pris'ner and the soldier, to the young and to the older,

all who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first,

all the paupers and the princes, all who fail, you've been forgiven,

all who dream and all who suffer, all who loved and lost another,

all the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead,

anyone who's been let down, all the lost, you have been found,

all who've been labeled right or wrong, to ev'ryone who hears this song:

*Come to the table. Come join the sinners; you have been redeemed.*

*Take your place beside the savior. Sit down and be set free.*

*Sit down and be set free. Come to the table, come to the table. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.*<sup>5</sup>

### WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. (Instrumental)*

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

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What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.<sup>6</sup>*

### **\*Benediction**

Glenn

### **\*Sending Song**

#### *PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART*

Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand: put a little love in your heart.  
You see it's getting late; oh, please don't hesitate: put a little love in your heart.  
And the world will be a better place, and the world will be a better place for you and me.  
You just wait and see.

Another day goes by, still the children cry; put a little love in your heart.  
If you want the world to know, we won't let hatred grow; put a little love in your heart.  
And the world will be a better place, and the world will be a better place for you and me.  
You just wait and see. Wait and see!

Take a good look around and if you're feeling down, put a little love in your heart.  
I hope when you decide, kindness will be your guide; put a little love in your heart.  
And the world will be a better place, and the world will be a better place for you and me.  
You just wait and see.  
Put a little love in your heart.<sup>7</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of May are sponsored in loving memory of Robert Greenawalt's death 6 years ago, May 5, by his Wife and Family.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of Bob Greenawalt on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death (May 5) by his Wife, Children and Grandchildren;
- In loving memory of Betty, Andy and Mark Benson by Cathy and Adam Benson and Susan Jimenez.

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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9:30: Tom & Irene Safrit, Bunny Maher, Ruth Ann Curley, Duncan & Weezie Leet

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