

Worship Celebration: July 15, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

8th Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)



Welcome to Epworth. Every part of God's creation has a purpose for God's people. This week we continue our sermon series, All Nature Sings, where we look at the wonders of nature that occur in our world and in the Bible. We will explore the Old Testament references of the desert as a wilderness that tests our dependence on God and shows God's unceasing provision. Then we will explore the New Testament where the desert is depicted as a place of temptation and also as a place where the faithful go to

be apart from the demands of our world. We all experience desert places in our lives that are an important part of our faith journey. Embrace them and know that the Holy Spirit is with you during those times. Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Epworth, where all are welcome and together we explore faith and embrace community.

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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

DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord. {Refrain}

(Bridge) There's no God like Jehovah. (repeat 14x) (refrain 2x)

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes. ¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

*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) ²

Children's Celebration

Phil and Marylea Franz

☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☞

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,

*"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."*

☞ We Engage the Word ☞

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 15:22-26

David Hagelin

Then Moses ordered Israel to set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur.

They went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter. That is why it was called Marah.

And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

He cried out to the LORD; and the LORD showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the LORD made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he put them to the test. He said, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in his sight, and give heed to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the LORD who heals you."

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-15

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

\$Thanks be to God

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME (CONT)

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say, {Refrain}

(Bridge) You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name. (Repeat section){Refrain}³

Sermon

God's Creation: The Desert

Rev. Todd Shultz

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

Song of Response

DESERT SONG

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry.

This is my prayer in my hunger and need. My God is the God who provides.

This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness, or trial or pain.

There is a faith proved of more worth than gold. So refine me, Lord, through the flame.

I will bring praise. I will bring praise. No weapon formed against me shall remain.

I will rejoice. I will declare, God is my victory, and He is here.

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way.

I am a conqueror and coheir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand. {Refrain}

All of my life, in ev'ry season, You are still God.

I have a reason to sing. I have a reason to worship. *(Repeat 3X – Refrain)*

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow.

I know I'm filled to be emptied again. The seed I've received I will sow. ⁴

Joys & Concerns

(Mics Go Out Today)

Vicky

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

FWS 2278

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

Todd

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!

BECAUSE HE LIVES, AMEN

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One.

I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

Amen! Amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen! Let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives.

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame.

I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away. {Refrain}

(Because He lives) I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone.

I know He holds my life, my future in His hands. {Refrain}

TAG: Because He lives. ⁵

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

*Benediction

Todd

*Sending Song

I AM

There's no space that His love can't reach. There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to amazing grace.
Take me in with your arms spread wide. Take me in like an orphan child.
Never let go, never leave my side.

I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.

In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am!

Love like this, Oh my God to find! I am overwhelmed what a joy divine!
Love like this sets our hearts on fire! (*chorus 2x*)

This is my resurrection song. This is my "Hallelujah, come!"

This is why to You I run.

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I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.

In the middle of the storm, I am holding on. (repeat 2X)

(Tag) I am. I am. In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am! ⁶

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of July are sponsored in honor of Loved Ones by Fred & Sharyn Smith.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of Steve Elkins and of their fathers, Wade Elkins and Rev. Bob Archibald, by Murray Archibald;
- In loving memory of Connie Nagel by Miriam Barton.

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.

DVD and Broadcast Ministries: All Church Service at Epworth are presented using multimedia technology. The screens above the Chancel area are used for text, videos, photographs and live cameras. Each service is digitally recorded for archive purposes as well as for distribution to our homebound members on DVD. These recordings may also be broadcast or archived on our web page. Therefore, you may, at any time, be seen and recorded on camera - anywhere throughout the Sanctuary.

Acolyte Tom Vyas

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Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Maubra Randolph, Linda Bruce, Mike Fehrenbach, Carol Fehrenbach

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