

Worship Celebration: July 29, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

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



Welcome to Epworth! During this summer, we've been visiting beautiful scenes of nature together in worship – scenes that are referenced in the Bible and given by God – gardens, deserts, oceans, rivers and mountains. One of our familiar hymns – This is My Father's World provides the title – “All nature sings and round me rings, the music of the spheres!” Today we conclude our All Nature Sings sermon series high atop the mountain – the one where Moses received the Ten

Commandments and the one where Jesus preached his well-known Sermon on the Mount. Both mountains were landmark places for receiving the Law of God and instructions on how to live God's way. We are blessed to welcome into our fellowship today new members and also to welcome YOU as you join us for worship. God is very good!

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

☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

### Praise Gathering

### 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>1</sup>

\*Passing the Peace

\*Singing in Praise

SOUL ON FIRE

*God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, {\*last time to TAG}  
till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat}*

Lord, restore the joy I had I have a-wandered bring me back.  
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! {Repeat Chorus}

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.  
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again! {Repeat Chorus}

TAG: *God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire,  
till I am a soul on fire, till I am a soul on fire.* <sup>2</sup>

Children's Celebration

Esther Downs

THE WAY

All creation cries out with longing, with groans only You can comprehend.  
And with wisdom, You always answer and give the words of life, so unfailing.  
And Your glory shines all around us; Your faithfulness shown for all to see.  
When we think of all of Your wonders, the beauty of Your plan that's been revealed;  
When we walk in Your light, when we walk in it.

*Shine bright, let Your glory fill this land. Lift high the King of kings and great I AM.  
Jesus, You are the Way, You are the Way...*

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 34:1-10, 27-29

Susan Jimenez

The Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain." So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The Lord." The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.  
He said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us.  
Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

He said: I hereby make a covenant.

Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

The Lord said to Moses: Write these words; in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.

He was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai.

As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 4:23-5:2, 5:13-16*

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

### *THE WAY (CONT)*

We can see the works of Your loving hands, with the hope and peace not made by man.

When You poured out Your grace and Your mercy, and You held out Your arms so we could see; You bled for all mankind, and set the captives free, yeah! *{Refrain}*

Na na na na na nah. Jesus. Na na na na na nah, You are the Way.  
Na na na na na nah, Jesus Na na na na na nah.

*(Refrain 2) Shine bright, let Your glory fill this land. Lift high the King of kings and great I AM.  
Shine bright, let Your glory fill this land. Lift high the King of kings and great I AM.  
Jesus, You are the Way, You are the Way. Jesus, You are the Way, You are the Way. You are the Way! <sup>3</sup>*

Sermon

All Nature Sings: Mountains

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

\*Song of Response

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save.  
He is mighty to save Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in. Now I surrender. *(refrain 2x)*

Bridge: Shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. *(refrain 2x) (bridge)(refrain 2x)*

(Tag) Shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus. *(6x) <sup>4</sup>*

☞ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ☞

Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at Baptism  
acknowledge what God is doing for us,  
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Lay Leader: I present these persons today for membership:

New Members:

at the 9:15 service: Jill Harp & Laura Mitchell  
Kathryn Burgwin  
Linda Shultz

Theresa & George Walton  
Lorraine Carr  
Kristin Weschler

Vicky

Gwen

*To the new members*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:

Todd

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness  
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

§ I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice,  
and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

§ I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as our Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Vicky

§ I do.

According to the grace given to you,  
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

§ I will.

*To the congregation*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ?

Todd

§ We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons  
now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of  
Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that  
they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.  
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads  
to life.

Let us stand and join together in professing the Christian faith by reciting the Apostles'  
Creed:

Todd

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*To the new members*

Gwen

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal  
to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? § I will.

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence, your witness, your gifts, and your service? \$ I will.

\*Commendation and Welcome *to the congregation* **Gwen, Todd, Vicky**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

\$ We give thanks for all that God has already given you and welcome you in Christian love. As members with you in the body of Christ and in Epworth, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our witness, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

\*A Song of Welcome *Welcome (Let's Walk Together)* (verse 1)

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin  
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,  
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace.

*Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.*

*All are welcome, the love of God to share, 'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome to this place.* <sup>5</sup>

**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!*

#### 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}

*Bridge: 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>6</sup>

## Sharing Joys & Concerns

Todd

### Morning Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

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§ 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 ☛

#### \*Benediction

Vicky

#### \*Sending Song

*Old Church Choir*

There's a revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.  
A Sunday morning, hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.  
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.  
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it.  
There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

*I've got an old church choir singing in my soul. I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.*

When the valleys that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb,  
Oh, You are with me, You never leave me.  
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. {Refrain}

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (2X)

*I've got an old church choir singing in my soul. I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.*

*I've got an old church choir singing in my soul. I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored. There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.<sup>7</sup>*

*\*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 honor of Loved Ones by Kathy Pippin.

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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Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Teri Moore, Jerry Alexander, Joy Glass, Lori Watson, Tom Curry, Ken Backer

## Worship Resources

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