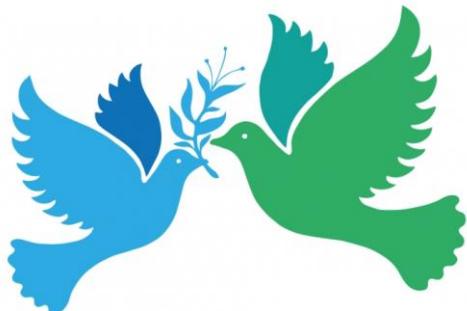


Worship Celebration: August 5, 2018
 EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)
 11th Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)



Welcome to Epworth! During the month of August, we have invited several guest preachers to lead us in worship. We are blessed to have as our preacher today our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Kyung Hee Sa. The scripture she will unpack for us is the story where Jesus encounters the woman at the well. This story is one that speaks of Living Water and Jesus reaching across lines of race and gender to bring new life. As we share Holy Communion, we are reminded of God binding us as

family – no matter who we are or where we’ve come from. We are grateful you have chosen to worship with us at Epworth today!

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

Praise Gathering

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)¹*

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

(Show and introduce Welcome Video)

*Singing in Praise

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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(Tag) I am. I am. In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am! ²

Children's Celebration

Rev. Vicky

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

Joys & Concerns

Todd

Prayer of Confession

Todd

What will you do with us, God? We are never satisfied with our lot. We rebel and complain when things don't go our way. Our hearts chase after things that become gods to us and consume our time, energy, and attention. We spend little time in communion with you and then begin to doubt your presence. You seem far away and unavailable. We create barriers among ourselves that separate us from one another and from you. Send your living water to cleanse us, O God. Empower us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Christ died for us, demonstrating the vastness of God's love for us, bringing reconciliation and the assurance of salvation. Rise up, all who have been drifting through life. Christ has come to lead us through the shadowed valleys. Let us respond in spirit and truth.

THE GOSPEL

A restless generation, we're turning over ev'ry stone,
hoping to find salvation in a world that's left us cold.
Can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father, and He's calling out to us.

*To the captive it looks like freedom, to the orphan it feels like home.
To the skeptic it might sound crazy to believe in a God who loves.
In a world where our hearts are breaking, and we're lost in the mess we've made,
like a blinding light in the dead of night, it's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

☞ We Engage the Word ☞

*Gospel Lesson

John 4:7-15, 20-27

Mike Tyler

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep.

Where do you get that living water?

Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ).

"When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came.

They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL (CONT)

It's the cure for our condition, it's the Good News for us all.
It's greater than religion, it's the power of the cross.
So, can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father, and He's calling out to us. {Chorus}

It's the Gospel that makes a way.

In my own life it means forgiveness when I know I deserve the fall.
It called me out of my darkness and carried me to the cross.
In a moment my eyes were opened, in that moment my heart was changed.
Like a blinding light in the dead of night, it's the Gospel. {Chorus}

TAG: *It's the Gospel that makes a way. Oh, oh, it's the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.*³

Sermon

“Called to Build Peace”

Rev. Dr. Kyung Hee Sa

*Singing in Response

BLEED THE SAME

*We all bleed the same. We're more beautiful when we come together.
We all bleed the same. So tell me why, tell me why we're divided.*

Woke up today; another headline, another innocent life is taken in the name of hatred.
So hard to take, and if we think that it's all good, then we're mistaken,
'cause my heart is breaking. Are you left? Are you right? Pointing fingers, taking sides.
When are we gonna realize {Refrain}

(Bridge) If we're gonna fight, let's fight for each other. If we're gonna shout, let love be the cry.
We all bleed the same. (*Last time to TAG) So tell me why, tell me why we're divided.

Tell me, who are we to judge someone by the kind of clothes they're wearing
or the color of their skin? Are you black? Are you white? Aren't we all the same inside?
Father, open our eyes to see {Refrain - Bridge}

Only love can drive out all the darkness. What are we fighting for?
We were made to carry one another; We were made for more. (Repeat) {Refrain} (Bridge)

*TAG: Let's stand united, let's stand united.⁴

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!*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Worthy to receive glory, worthy to receive honor, worthy to receive all our praise today.

*(refrain1) Praise Him, praise Him and lift Him up; Praise Him, exalt His name forever.
Praise Him, praise Him and lift Him up; Praise Him, exalt His name forever. (repeat verse)*

*(refrain 2) Praise Him, praise Him and lift Him up; Praise Him, exalt His name forever.
Praise Him, praise Him and lift Him up; Praise Him, praise Him and lift Him up!
Praise Him and lift Him up! Praise Him and lift Him up! ⁵*

☞ 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.

Gathering up all that is good and beautiful,

God of all wonder and glory, you shaped the universe and all that is in it:
soft summer breezes snow-capped mountains reflecting
and the sunrise each new morning.

It was your good pleasure to create us in your image,
it was your glorious grace that filled us with your life.

Yet, seeing the dazzling seductions
offered by sin and death, we rushed back to you, imploring
you to give us our every desire.

Deeply grieved by our rebellion, you sent the company of prophets
to lead us back to your heart, but we continued to dance
with the wrong partners.

In the fullness of your wisdom, you sent Jesus, to seek our faces,
and to turn us back to you.

So now, with those who praise you
with song and silence, we proclaim the riches of your grace:

§ 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)

Holy indeed are you, God of every blessing,
and blameless is Jesus Christ, your Beloved.
He sets free all imprisoned

Todd

by their fears, as well as their past.
He proclaims good news to the poor,
and challenges the rich to generous lives.
He gave himself into death's hands
and was laid into a cold tomb.
He leaped from the grave,
teaching us resurrection's dance.

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."

Dr. Sa

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."

We offer our songs of joy to you, knowing
that whenever we eat the bread and share the cup,
we live out that mystery we call 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 upon us, we pray,
as you gather us all in this place.

Vicky

As we take and taste
the Bread of Heaven,
may its brokenness become our healing,
that we may become hope
to a world shattered by fear.

As we share the Cup,
may its grace become our fullness,
that we might empty ourselves
to become blessings to those who long
for peace and reconciliation in their lives.

Todd

And when all time has been fulfilled
and you gather up all your children to yourself,
with clean hands and pure hearts
we will gather around your Table in glory,
singing our praises to you through all eternity,
God in Community, Holy in One.

Dr. Sa

§ Amen. Amen. Amen.

FWS 2257d

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

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 ☛

Music during Communion

Terry Raspberry, guitar

*Benediction

Dr. Sa

*Sending Song

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)* ⁶

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of August are sponsored in memory of Connie Nagel by Miriam Barton.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In memory of Charles Conroy by Roy Anderson
- On behalf of the Stephen Ministers from Bill Robbins.

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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