

Worship Celebration: August 26, 2018

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

14th 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 Rev. Jack Shitama, the Director of Camping Ministries for the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the U.M.C. The scripture he will share with us today comes from the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus encourages us to not worry. How does God call us to give up control? We are also truly blessed to have The Reminders as our Music leaders today – and their ministry of music is always a gift! We are grateful you have chosen to worship with us at Epworth 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

NINE SQUARE FOOT CHURCH

The Reminders

John Thompson, Kevin Short & Ed Shockley

(Chorus) A nine square foot church, that's how much space

Puttin' your arms around somebody takes.

He can use you, to write a new chapter and verse

If you build Him – a nine square foot church

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

*Passing the Peace

Singing in Praise

OUTRAGEOUS GRACE

The Reminders

Children's Celebration

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☞

Prayer Response

SANCTUARY

The Reminders

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25-34

Ruth Ann Curley

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear.

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they?

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’

For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

\$Thanks be to God

Sermon

Living in an Age of Anxiety

Rev. Jack Shitama

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

*Song of Response

BE THE HARP OF DAVID

The Reminders

Be the harp of David – be the harp of David

Be the harp of David – until we meet again

Be the harp of David – be the harp of David

Be the harp of David – amen.

Be the myrrh of Mary – be the myrrh of Mary

Be the myrrh of Mary – until we meet again

Be the myrrh of Mary – the fragrant myrrh of Mary

Be the myrrh of Mary – amen.

(chorus) And if we meet again upon this earth

The blessing will be mine

But if one of us gets to heaven first

Then the one that’s left behind

Be the arms of Jesus – be the arms of Jesus
Be the arms of Jesus – amen.
Be the arms of Jesus – the loving arms of Jesus
Be the arms of Jesus – amen. (*chorus*)

Joys & Concerns

Susan J.

Morning Prayer (*from The Wideness of God's Mercy by Jeffery W. Rowthorn*)

L: As our knowledge grows larger,
P: **increase our love of the truth.**
L: As our arms grow stronger,
P: **increase our respect for love.**
L: As our world grows smaller,
P: **increase our sense of community.**
L: As our nation grows more divided,
P: **increase our efforts for unity.**
L: As our neighborhood grows more impersonal,
P: **increase our attempts to know each other.**
L: As our families grow up,
P: **increase our interests in others.**
L: As our freedoms grow greater,
P: **increase our powers of self-control.**
L: As our material comforts grow in number,
P: **increase our interest in things of the Spirit.**
L: As our institutions grow more complex,
P: **increase our concern for the individual.**
L: As our laws grow more complicated,
P: **increase our hopes for justice.**
L: As our future grows more uncertain,
P: **increase our appreciation for the present.**
L: As our bodies grow older,
P: **increase our faith in the one eternal God. Amen.**

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.

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

Susan

*Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038
and by using our Giving Kiosk in the lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

Offertory

EL SHADDAI (GOD ALMIGHTY)

The Reminders

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El El yon na A-do-nai;
Age to age you're still the same by the power of the name.
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkahm-ka na A-do-nai;
We will praise and lift you high, El Shaddai.

✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠

***Benediction**

Jack

***Sending Song**

SOMEBODY SAY AMEN

The Reminders

**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 their parents, Ken & Joyce Kauffman and Bob & Jane Speck, from Linda Kauffman and Dee Speck;
- In loving memory of Scott's mother, Angela Raymond, by Scott Button and David Streit.

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 Autumn Reynolds

Sound Ken Mahan, Robert & Judy Bryan, Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, John Hammett, Karen Kaufman

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

9:30: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Nancy Almacy, Charles Mitchell, Kathy Pippin, Cole Murphy

Ministers: The Church Family... *Lay Leader:* Gwen Osborne

Senior Pastor: Rev. Vicky Starnes ... *Associate Pastor:* Rev. Todd Shultz

Director of Music Ministries: Doug Yetter ... *Accompanist:* Linda Hess ... *Coordinator of Caring Ministries:* Mickie McManamon

Communications & Technologies Manager: Kenneth Mahan ... *Office Manager:* Darlene Ford

Special Projects: Debbie Hunt ... *Administrative Assistant:* Diana Young ... *Sound Tech:* Josh Megee

Preschool Director: Betsy Plowman ... *Nursery:* Cathy Crawford ... *Interim Cemetery Superintendent:* Jay Stevenson

Custodian: Wanda Hudson ... *Maintenance:* Mike Harrigan



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