

Worship Celebration: September 23, 2018

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)



Welcome to Fall at Epworth! Our church is in full swing with small groups and classes and people striving to work Hand in Hand to better God's Kingdom. Our sermon series for these Sundays in September and early October is called Hand in Hand. How do we collaborate as church members and leaders? How do we work together in the community to witness to the love of Christ? Today's lesson from the book of James addresses envy and ambition and conflict in the church,

appropriate subjects for any church and especially a large church like Epworth. How are we to find the peace that James talks about and the peace which we celebrate this Peace Week? May we learn together to work and walk hand in hand! Today we are blessed to welcome new members to our family. Thank you God!

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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**

*GREATER*

Bring your tired and bring your shame, bring your guilt and bring your pain.  
Don't you know that's not your name? You will always be much more to me.  
And every day I wrestle with the voices that keep telling me I'm not right,  
but that's all right.

*'Cause I hear a voice, and He calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough.  
And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.  
In the world, in the world.  
And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.*

Bring your doubts and bring your fears, bring your hurt and bring your tears.  
There'll be no condemnation here; you are holy, righteous and redeemed.  
And every time I fall there'll be those who will call me a mistake.  
Well, that's okay. {Refrain}

-Instrumental-

*(Bridge) There'll be days I lose the battle, Grace says that it doesn't matter  
'cause the cross already won the war. I am learning to run freely, understanding just how He sees me,  
and it makes me love Him more and more. (repeat) {Refrain} (bridge)*

*(Tag) God is greater than he who is living in the world. <sup>1</sup>*

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Singing in Praise

OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

We waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name, calling out to you.  
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth.

You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.

*Open up the heavens; we wanna see You.*

*Open up the floodgates, a mighty river flowing from Your heart, filling ev'ry part of our praise.*

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky.  
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now. Lord, unveil our eyes.

You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing. *(Chorus 2X)*

Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power.

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. *(repeat)*

Into CHORUS: We wanna see You, we wanna see You! *(Chorus 2X)*

TAG: We sing, sing! <sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

Rev. Todd Shultz

### ☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☛

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *{Refrain}*

## ☞ We Engage the Word ☛

New Testament Lesson

James 3:13-4:3; 7-8a

Joyce Pool

Who is wise and understanding among you?

Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from?

Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder.

And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.

You do not have, because you do not ask.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

### THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE (CONT)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. {Refrain}

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son

and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one: <sup>3</sup> {Refrain}

Sermon

Hand-in-Hand: Co-existence

Rev. Vicky Starnes

## ☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

Song of Response

THE RECONCILIATION SONG

Oh, let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace,  
and let us be a holy nation where pride and prejudice shall cease.

Let us speak the truth in love to the lost and least of these;  
and let us serve the Lord in unity so others will believe.

Let us be a generation of reconciliation and peace.

Oh, let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace,  
and let us build on one foundation 'til He comes and the wars of men shall cease.  
Let us share the Love of Jesus without hypocrisy;  
Let mercy and forgiveness begin with you and me.  
Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

Have we not one Father?  
Have we not one faith?  
Have we not one calling to become one holy race?  
Oh, let us be a generation of reconciliation and peace.

And let us pray for restoration and seek the Lord together on our knees.  
Let us keep our hearts from evil and cling to what is good;  
Let us honor one another and love the brotherhood.  
Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace. <sup>4</sup>

☞ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ☞

**Introduction**

Vicky

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:

Gwen

**New Members:**

at the 9:15 service:

John Hilt & Linda BenderHilt                      Mark & Ginny Harbold  
Michael Morrison

*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, Vicky  
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? \$ 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)*  
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>*

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.

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!*

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. <sup>6</sup>

## ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

### \*Benediction

Vicky

### \*Sending Song

#### THE RIVER

I know a place, where we can go, to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,  
I know a place, where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.  
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.  
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

*We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray, ay, ay.*

*Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.*

*Let's go down, down, down, to the river. You will leave changed.*

*Let's go down, down, down, to the river. Never the same.*

I've seen it move, in my own life, took me from dusty roads into paradise.  
All of my dirt, all of my shame, drowned in the streams that've made me born again.  
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.  
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh. {Chorus}

TAG 1: *Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Let's go down. {Chorus}*

TAG 2: *Oh, down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.*

*Down, down, down to the river.*

*Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace. <sup>7</sup>*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of September are sponsored by Epworth United Methodist Women.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In memory of Mary Helen Hollenbach by Bill and Brett;
- In loving memory of Andy and Mark Venson by Cathy Benson and Susan Jimenez;
- In loving memory of her husband, Bill Young, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary (September 25) of his death, by Diana Young.

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 recording 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 Chase Reynolds

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9:30: Barbara Brittingham, Ruth Ann Curley, Michael Fehrenbach, Lori Watson, Sam Vyas,  
Kevin Reagan

## Worship Resources

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