

Worship Celebration: November 11, 2018

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

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

Welcome to Epworth! Jesus preached a lot of sermons and talked about a lot of things. But when he was asked to sum up the law and commandments – he said LOVE. What does it mean to love our God, to love our neighbor as ourselves? Today we will unpack this familiar scripture, in light of our society and church and see what Jesus might have to teach us. We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today and hope you find our faith community welcoming and a place of LOVE.

## EPWORTH

a United Methodist Church

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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

### Veteran's Day Salute

**ARMY (The Army Goes Rolling Along)** ... Lt. Edmund Z. Gruber

First to fight for the right, and to build the nation's might, and the Army goes rolling along.  
Proud of all we have done, fighting till the battle's won, and the Army goes rolling along.  
For it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on its way. Count off the cadence loud and strong.  
For where e'er we go, you will always know, and the Army goes rolling along.

**NAVY (Anchors Aweigh)** ... Lt. Charles A. Zimmermann

Anchors aweigh, my boys, anchors aweigh!  
Farewell to Foreign Shores, we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay;  
Through our last night ashore, drink to the foam,  
Until we meet again, here's wishing you a happy voyage home!

**COAST GUARD (Semper Paratus)** ... Capt. Francis S. Van Boskerck

So here's the Coast Guard Marching Song. We sing on land or sea,  
Through surf and storm and howling gale, high shall our purpose be.  
Semper Paratus is our guide, our fame, our glory too,  
To fight to save or fight and die! Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you!

**AIR FORCE (The U.S. Air Force) ... Robert Crawford**

Off we go into the wild blue yonder, climbing high into the sun.  
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder; at 'em boys, give 'er the gun!  
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under; off with one terrible roar!  
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey! Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!

**MARINES (United States Marine Corps Hymn) ... adapted from Jacques Offenbach**

From the Halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli;  
We will fight our country's battles in the air, on land, and sea;  
First to fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title of United States Marine.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA ...Irving Berlin**

God bless America! Land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America! My home sweet home!  
God bless America! My home sweet home!

**Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth**

Todd

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Singing in Praise**

*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 3X – Chorus)*<sup>1</sup>

**Children's Celebration**

Rev. Todd Shultz

## ☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☞

### *DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE*

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (*repeat*)

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song; no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side... Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

## ☞ We Engage the Word ☞

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Mark 12:28-44*

Walt Smith

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”

Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

After that no one dared to ask him any question.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David?

David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.”’

David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?”

And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!

They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers.

They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury.

Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**SThanks be to God**

*DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE (CONT)*

In your sadness, and in your grief  
All the pain, it seems there's no relief  
We will hold you until the storm subsides  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side...  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (Repeat) <sup>2</sup>*

Sermon

*Love is All You Need*

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>3</sup>

Joys & Concerns

Todd

Morning Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

**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>4</sup>

## ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

\*Benediction

Vicky

\*Sending Song

EVERY PRAISE

Ev'ry praise is to our God, ev'ry word of worship with one accord.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.  
Sing Hallelujah to our God. Glory Hallelujah is due our God.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. (repeat 2X)  
God, my Savior. God, my healer. God, my deliverer.  
Yes, He is. Yes, He is. (repeat)  
Yes, He is. Yes, he is.

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. (*repeat*)

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise. <sup>5</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



