

Worship Celebration: November 18, 2018

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

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



Welcome to Epworth on this Sunday before Thanksgiving. Today we look at the story of Hannah the mother of the prophet Samuel. Hannah lived her life always in grace and thanksgiving for what God provided to her. Though there were times of disappointment, she never let that impact how she treated others. Hers is a story of persevering and trusting in God. Let us see her example and apply it to the difficult times in our lives. For it is often in our times of affliction that God is preparing us for greatness and blessing.

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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

FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.*

*Forever God is with us, forever.*

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.*

*Forever God is with us, forever. Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.

And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. *(Refrain).<sup>1</sup>*

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

\*Passing the Peace

## \*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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*I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.*

*In the middle of the storm, I am holding on. (repeat 2X)*

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

## Children's Celebration

Teresa Walton

### ☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☞

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You. (*repeat*)

And if I'm Holy, as You are Holy, someday I'll see You, face to face.  
Melt and mold me, into Your Image, and take me to Your Holy Place.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You. <sup>3</sup>

### ☞ We Engage the Word ☞

## Gospel Play

### Old Testament Lesson

*I Samuel 1:4-20*

Youth Reader

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb.

Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to

provoke her.

Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.

Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep?

Why do you not eat?

Why is your heart sad?

Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the

LORD.

Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD.

She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly.

She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death.

He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth.

Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk.

So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself?

Put away your wine.”

But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD.

Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.”

Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.”

And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.”

Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah.

Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her.

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son.

She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**SThanks be to God**

**Sermon**

*Living a Life of Grace and Thanksgiving*

Rev. Todd Shultz

**✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠**

**Song of Response**

*WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE LORD*

When I think about the Lord, how He saved me, how He raised me,  
how He filled me with the Holy Ghost, how He healed me to the uttermost;

When I think about the Lord, how He picked me up and turned me around,  
how He placed my feet on solid ground. *(repeat)*

*It makes me wanna shout, "Hallelujah, Thank You, Jesus!";*  
*Lord, You're worthy of all the glory and all the honor and all the praise;*  
*(repeat) {Repeat from top - Repeat chorus}*  
*TAG: It makes me wanna shout! <sup>4</sup>*

Joys & Concerns

Gwen

Morning Prayer

Gwen

The Lord's Prayer *(sung responsively)*

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!*

THANK YOU, LORD

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;*  
*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord*

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
You took my sin and my shame. You took my sickness and healed all my pain;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name. *{Refrain 2X}*<sup>5</sup>

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

\*Benediction

Todd

\*Sending Song *ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN*

You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you get to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

*And all the people said Amen. Whoa  
And all the people said Amen.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.  
And all the people said Amen.*

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall,  
And He so loved the world, He sent his son to save us all. {Refrain}

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,  
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. {Refrain 2x}

TAG: Yeah! And all the people said Amen. <sup>6</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*





**Bulletins** for the month of November are sponsored in honor of their daughter, Dr. Debra Pace, for her birthday, November 9, by Laurel & Dennis St. Germain.

**Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of their mother and nana, Verity Hannaway, by Michael, Lori, Verity and Sarah Watson and Patricia Hannaway;
- In honor and recognition of Rev. Vicky and Rev. Todd for pastor appreciation by Teri Moore & Babs Kulbaba;
- In memory of her parents, Kathryn & Howard Williams, on what would have been Kathryn's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by Linda Pickle.

**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* Alexis Brown

*Sound* Ken Mahan, Sharon Wert, Josh McGee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman

*Ushers* Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Sam Vyas, Kevin Reagan, Nancy Bodner, Kim Scott

## Worship Resources

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