

Worship Celebration: February 25, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)



Welcome to Lent at Epworth! This year we'll be using the Psalms to guide our journey during this important season of the Christian Year. Today we look at the longest Psalm in the Bible to unpack what it has to say about how God teaches us about faith. If we are to live our faith, we need to explore, dive in, read, grow and wrestle with the scriptures. As United Methodists, we are not to be spoon-fed our beliefs, but we develop them – we explore together! Our Lenten series is entitled – From Psalms to Palms – Living Faith. Together we hope to take the steps necessary to deepen our faith and gratitude and commitment to Christ! We're glad you're here to share the journey with us!

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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

DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord. *{Refrain}*

(Bridge) There's no God like Jehovah. (repeat 14x) (refrain 2x)

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes. ¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Glenn

*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! ²

Children's Celebration

Glenn

Joys & Concerns

Glenn

SYMPATHY:

To Bunny Maher and Cheryl Tarlecky, family and friends, on the death of Bunny's aunt, Kathryn Stuart.

CONCERNS:

Rose Barcellona

Mary Helms

Harris Singh

Karen Bengston

Chris Hunt

Wes Stack

Pam Bookman

Jim Jasch

Wave Starnes

Melanie Bradley

Dutch Kelley

Bud Stuchlik

Emory Buck

Krupa Family

Gery Tamburello

Peg Bunnell

Pat Gauger

Sue Thayer-Campbell

Ray Bunting

Helen McCallister

Betsy Thayer

Roger Caffier

Brenda Millbourne

Valerie Valentine

Nancy Crim

Marlin Moore

Nick Waldee-Walden

Nancy Crimatto

Bill Morgan

Sylvia Walker

Steve Elkins

Noreen Pachotti

Guy Weidner-Ahorrio

Bob Fay

Kylie Pino

Pauline Wenke

Betty Foulkrod

Doug Reed

Kristy Wierzbicki

Nancy Grimm

Agnes Reno

Tom Winter

Dick Harp

Bill Robbins

Melinda/William Yeates

Nancy Hecker

Jackie Shockley

Continued Healing for those recovering from surgeries, procedures or hospitalizations:

Emmalane Ewing, Bob Mazur, Marian Ward.

JOYS:

We keep in prayer our Confirmation class this year, including one member from Faith UMC: Bianca Camiolo, Thomas Blair, Sofia Tamburello and Chayse Ford.

Today we light the PEACE CANDLE as we pray for peace throughout our world.

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer (*sung responsively*)

☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☛

ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

☞ We Engage the Word ☛

Lesson

Psalm 119:89-112

David Hagelin

(*The Message*)

What you say goes, GOD, and *stays*, as permanent as the heavens.
Your truth never goes out of fashion; it's as up-to-date as the earth when the sun comes up.
Your Word and truth are dependable as ever; that's what you ordered—you set the earth going.
If your revelation hadn't delighted me so, I would have given up when the hard times came.
But I'll never forget the advice you gave me; you saved my life with those wise words.
Save me! I'm all yours.
I look high and low for your words of wisdom.
The wicked lie in ambush to destroy me, but I'm only concerned with your plans for me.
I see the limits to everything human, but the horizons can't contain your commands!
Oh, how I love all you've revealed; I reverently ponder it all the day long.
Your commands give me an edge on my enemies; they never become obsolete.
I've even become smarter than my teachers since I've pondered and absorbed your counsel.
I've become wiser than the wise old sages simply by doing what you tell me.
I watch my step, avoiding the ditches and ruts of evil so I can spend all my time keeping your Word.
I never make detours from the route you laid out; you gave me such good directions.
Your words are so choice, so tasty; I prefer them to the best home cooking.

With your instruction, I understand life; that's why I hate false propaganda.
By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.
I've committed myself and I'll never turn back from living by your righteous order.
Everything's falling apart on me, GOD; put me together again with your Word.
Festoon me with your finest sayings, GOD; teach me your holy rules.
My life is as close as my own hands, but I don't forget what you have revealed.
The wicked do their best to throw me off track, but I don't swerve an inch from your course.
I inherited your book on living; it's mine forever—what a gift!
And how happy it makes me!
I concentrate on doing exactly what you say—I always have and always will.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

SThanks be to God

ANCIENT WORDS (CONT)

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart. *(refrain 2x)*

Tag: O let the ancient words impart. ³

Sermon

From Psalms to Palms: Faith Exploration

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

Song of Response

GOOD GOOD FATHER

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
And You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good Father.

It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word. *{Refrain}*

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways.

You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. *{Repeat}*

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think
as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. *{Refrain 4X}* ⁴

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

Glenn

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!

THY WILL

I'm so confused; I know I heard you loud and clear.
So I followed through; somehow I ended up here.
I don't wanna think I may never understand
that my broken heart is a part of Your plan.
When I try to pray, all I got is hurt and these four words:

Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will be done.

I know you're good, but this don't feel good right now.
And I know You think things I could never think about.
It's hard to count it all joy, distracted by the noise,
just tryin' to make sense of all Your promises.
Sometimes I gotta stop, remember that You're God and I am not.

So, Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will be done.

Like a child on my knees, all that comes to me is:

Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will...

I know You see me, I know You hear me, Lord.
Your plans are for me, goodness You have in store.
I know You hear me, I know You see me, Lord.
Your plans are for me, goodness You have in store.

So, Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will be done.

Like a child on my knees, all that comes to me is:

Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will be done.

I know You see me, I know You hear me, Lord. ⁵

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

***Benediction**

Vicky

***Sending Song**

Old Church Choir

There's a revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.
A Sunday morning, hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it.
There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.

I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.

*I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.*

When the valleys that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb,
Oh, You are with me, You never leave me.
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. {Refrain}

*Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (2X)*

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There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.⁶*

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of February are sponsored by Russ Mullen.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In memory of Elizabeth Carpenter by Karen West;
- In honor of the music ministry by Miriam Barton.

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 Connor Camiolo

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Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Jeff Shores, Matt Barager, Loretta Mahan, Maureen Ewadinger, Holly Ostendorf, Charles Mitchell

Worship Resources

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