

Worship Celebration: May 27, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

Trinity Sunday (Year B)



Welcome to Trinity Sunday at Epworth! We set aside this day to honor God as Three-In-One. God in Three Forms – God, the Creator; Jesus the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit. God is ever present with us – and we know God in different ways. While you will not find the concept of the Trinity in the Bible – we understand and experience God in these three forms. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, can this old understanding of the Divine still speak to us? Listen today and decide for yourself. On this

Memorial Day weekend, we also remember and honor the soldiers who have fought and died for our country, with a special display in our sanctuary – make sure you take a look this morning! Thanks for joining us for worship today!

## EPWORTH

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*VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community*

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☪ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☪

### Praise Gathering

### SOUL ON FIRE

*God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.*

*Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, {\*last time to TAG} till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat}*

*Lord, restore the joy I had I have a-wandered bring me back.*

*In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! {Repeat Chorus}*

*Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.*

*And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again! {Repeat Chorus}*

*TAG: God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire, till I am a soul on fire, till I am a soul on fire.<sup>1</sup>*

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Glenn

\*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 4X – Chorus)* <sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

Hannah Ewald and Rev. Vicky

## ☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☞

### KING OF HEAVEN

Jesus, let Your kingdom come here; let Your will be done here in us.  
Jesus, there is no one greater; You alone are Savior: show the world Your love.

*King of heaven, come down; King of heaven, come now;*  
*Let Your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven come.*  
*King of heaven, rise up, who can stand against us;*  
*You are strong to save, in Your mighty name, King of heaven come.*

## ☞ We Engage the Word ☞

## New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:12-17

Walt Smith

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—  
for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the  
deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*KING OF HEAVEN (CONT)*

We are children of Your mercy, rescued for Your glory;

We cry Jesus, set our hearts towards You, that ev'ry eye would see You lifted high.

{Refrain 2X}³

**Gospel Lesson**

*John 3:1-17*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old?

Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**§Thanks be to God**

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

## Song of Response

## HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
 Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
 He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
 And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God!*

*Sing with me: How great is our God!*

*And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
 Beginning and the end, Beginning and the End.  
 The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
 The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (*refrain 2x*)

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God!*

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God!*

*How great, how great is our God! <sup>4</sup>*

## Joys &amp; Concerns

Glenn

Morning Prayer (*written by Paul Sauer*)

L: Lord God of hosts, you are always asking, “Whom shall I send?” Give each of us the courage of Isaiah to respond, “Here am I, send me.”

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

**P: The whole earth is full of your glory.**

L: You are beautiful, Lord God, because you are holy, and your voice is all powerful. Give strength to your people, and give the blessings of your peace.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

**P: The whole earth is full of your glory.**

L: Spirit of God, when we are fearful you ask us, “Why? Are you not my adopted ones?”

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

**P: The whole earth is full of your glory.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you speak to us of heavenly things, even when we are most interested in earthly things. Speak to us in the night-times of our lives, that we may learn the Way and the Will of your Holy Spirit.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

**P: The whole earth is full of your glory.**

L: The problems of the nations, the politics of parties, the threats and fears of peoples everywhere are all known to you, Almighty God. Save us from fear, greed, revenge, and all evil things that keep us away from love.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

**P: The whole earth is full of your glory.**

L: The dying, the sick, the lonely and the forsaken are your special people, for you know the names of each, even as we call upon you, once again, to remember them \_\_\_\_.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

**P: The whole earth is full of your glory.**

L: Come Holy Spirit, come with your life-giving care and joy.

**P: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*- Sung Responsively -*

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

Glenn

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### 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>5</sup>*

### ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

**\*Benediction**

Vicky

**\*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 May are sponsored in loving memory of Robert Greenawalt's death 6 years ago, May 5, by his Wife and Family.

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

- In loving memory of Jane Wheatley from Micheal & Diana Robertson;
- In loving memory of her husband, Jim Mounts, by his wife, Marjorie.

**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.

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9:30: Roger & Sarah Anderson, De Raynes, Robbin Murray, Jean Waters, Ginny Refsnider

## Worship Resources

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