

Worship Celebration: June 24, 201
EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

FULL TEXT

9:15/11:15 a.m. (COMBINED WORSHIP)
5th Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)



Today marks a transition for the staff of Epworth United Methodist Church as Pastor Glenn Catley moves from being a part of the Church Staff to being a member of the congregation, worshipping and serving alongside all of you. Transitions can be difficult, and there is a sadness that needs to be acknowledged alongside a joy that the new beginning makes possible for Epworth. We want to celebrate what has been, and the anticipation and excitement of the future life of our church. So today, Rev. Glenn will be sharing *Reflections from a Rocking Chair* as he takes this moment to ponder how much the ministry of Epworth has meant to him and how much we have to celebrate in our capacity to make a difference. Music will be a large part of

our worship today as we combine our Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Memorial Bells and Men's Quartet in a unique service both at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Our 7:45 a.m. congregation will experience their own special celebration for Rev. Glenn with music by the Men's Quartet and the Memorial Bell Choir. All are welcome at Epworth and we invite you to participate in our reflections as we acknowledge all the good God is doing here.

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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

THE GOSPEL

Praise! Team

A restless generation, we're turning over ev'ry stone,
hoping to find salvation in a world that's left us cold.
Can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father, and He's calling out to us.

*To the captive it looks like freedom, to the orphan it feels like home.
To the skeptic it might sound crazy to believe in a God who loves.
In a world where our hearts are breaking, and we're lost in the mess we've made,
like a blinding light in the dead of night, it's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

It's the cure for our condition, it's the Good News for us all.
It's greater than religion, it's the power of the cross.
So, can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father, and He's calling out to us. {Chorus}

It's the Gospel that makes a way.

In my own life it means forgiveness when I know I deserve the fall.
It called me out of my darkness and carried me to the cross.
In a moment my eyes were opened, in that moment my heart was changed.
Like a blinding light in the dead of night, it's the Gospel. {Chorus}

TAG: *It's the Gospel that makes a way. Oh, oh, it's the Gospel that makes a way.*
*It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.*¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

*Passing the Peace

*Call to Worship - (from *Led By Love* by Lavon Bayler)

- L: Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.
- P: **The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.**
Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.
- L: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.
Our Creator is with us in all times and places.
- P: **God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.**
The needy and the poor are not forgotten.
- L: God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.
See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.
- P: **Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!**
How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!

*Hymn of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. {Refrain}

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! {Refrain}

Children's Celebration

Rev. Vicky Starnes

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

Sermon – Part I

Reflections on Being a Large Church

Rev. Glenn Catley

Anthem

Wade in the Water
Traditional Spiritual; arr. by Mark Hayes

The Gospel Truth

✠ We Engage the Word ✠

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:35-41

Rev. Vicky Starnes

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."
And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.
Other boats were with him.

A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already
being swamped.

But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him,
"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"

Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

He said to them, "Why are you afraid?"

Have you still no faith?"

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the
wind and the sea obey him?"

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

Response in Song

SECURE

Chancel Choir

Lyric by Susan Bentall Boersma; Music by Craig Courtney

Sermon – Part II

Reflections on Transitions

Rev. Glenn Catley

✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠

Song of Response

BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND

Memorial Bell Choir

Joys & Concerns

Vicky

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

§ 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.

Prayer Response *Largo from The New World... Antonin Dvorak* Memorial Bell Choir
*This anthem is offered in appreciation of Dick and Clella Harp's many years of music ministry
at Epworth UMC by Ken Mahan and Glen Pruitt*

Sermon – Part III *Reflections on an Organized Strategy* Rev. Glenn Catley

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!*

Offertory *SO MUCH TO LOSE ... S. Murdock* Donna Graves, soloist

*Acclamation *How Great Is Our God*
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God! How great, how great is our God! ²

Sermon – Part IV *The Importance of Staff to a Large Church* Rev. Glenn Catley

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞

*Benediction **Vicky**

*Sending Song *Old Church Choir* Praise! Team/Chancel 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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No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.³*

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of June are sponsored in honor of their anniversary by Colleen & Charles Lopresto.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Ewing, and her aunt, Mary Cannon, by Emmalane Ewing.

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 9:15: Connor Camiolo

Sound Ken Mahan, Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:15: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Nancy Almacy, Maureen Ewadinger, Cathy McCallister, Karen Hugues

11:15: Russ Mullen, Chet Sprague, Harvey Waltersdorf, Jim Larsen

Worship Resources

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