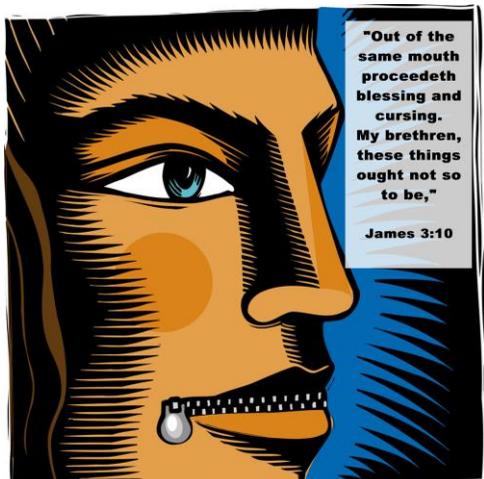


Worship Celebration: September 16, 2018

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

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



Welcome to Epworth! Today we continue our Fall series called *Hand in Hand* which focuses on how we collaborate as a church – on the local, denominational and global level. We will look at how we function best as a church and society, and what the Bible has to say about how we are to co-exist. We're using passages from the book of James and today James talks about the tongue – and the danger that can come from talk and gossip. How are we called to support each other, not only with our actions, but also with our words? We're grateful for your presence with us this day, as we wrestle with a difficult subject. Thanks be!

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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

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;  
From every nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,  
ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.  
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days. {Repeat verse / refrain}*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth, sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth sing unto the Ancient of Days. *{Refrain}*

TAG: O Ancient of Days. O Ancient of Days.<sup>1</sup>

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

\*Passing the Peace

## \*Singing in Praise

DAY BY DAY

Day by day, Day by day, Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day. *(Repeat 4X)*

### LAST VERSE:

Day by day, Day by day, Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, *(Repeat line 3x)*  
Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day. Day by day by day by day by day. <sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

Mickie McManamon

### ☞ 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 ☞

## Scripture Lesson

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.  
For all of us make many mistakes.  
Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.  
If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.  
Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.  
So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.  
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!  
And the tongue is a fire.  
The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.  
For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.  
With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.  
From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.

My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.  
Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?  
Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs?  
No more can salt water yield fresh.

**\*Gospel Play**

*Mark 9:30-37*

Youth

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. <sup>3</sup>

**Sermon**

*Hand in Hand: Talk*

Rev. Vicky Starnes

**☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞**

**Song of Response**

*I NEED YOU TO SURVIVE*

I need you; you need me. We're all a part of God's body.  
Stand with me; agree with me, We're all a part of God's body.  
It is His will that ev'ry need be supplied.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive. (*Repeat from top*)  
  
I pray for you; you pray for me. I love you. I need you to survive.  
I won't harm you with words from my mouth. I love you.  
I need you to survive. (*Section 6X*)

TAG: It is His will that ev'ry need be supplied. You are important to me. I need you to survive. <sup>4</sup>

**Joys & Concerns** (Take the Microphones Out)

**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!*

LIFESONG

Empty hands held high, such small sacrifice.  
If not joined with my life, I sing in vain tonight.  
May the words I say and the things I do  
Make my lifesong sing, bring a smile to You.

*Let my lifesong sing to You. Let my lifesong sing to You  
I wanna sign Your name to the end of this day, knowin' that my heart was true.  
Let my lifesong sing to You*

Lord I give my life, a living sacrifice,  
to reach a world in need, to be Your hands and feet.  
May the words I say and the things I do  
Make my lifesong sing, bring a smile to You. {Refrain}

(Bridge) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Let my lifesong sing to You. (repeat4x) {Refrain}

TAG: Let my lifesong sing to You. (Repeat 2x) <sup>5</sup>

☞ 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)

*I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.*

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No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.  
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.<sup>6</sup>*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*





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- In loving memory of Dorothy Morgan, who passed away 11 years ago, by Diane Morgan Conte.
- In memory of their parents, James & Daris Handy and James & Ruby Osborne, by Katie Handy and Gwen Osborne.

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 recordings 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 Tom Vyas

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Maubra Randolph, Jean Waters, De Raynes, Robbin Murray

## Worship Resources

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