

Worship Celebration: October 28, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)



Welcome to Epworth! Today we celebrate our amazing **Food Rescue Ministry!** We have dozens of restaurants and grocery stores and other food stores who give us their “leftovers” and we use them to help others. Of course, this is God’s work! The Bible tells so many stories about food and even contains instruction on gleaning the fields to help the hungry and poor. As we talk about the importance of preventing **Food Waste** – we’ll be challenged in our own lives to approach food differently. We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today and hope you find our faith community welcoming.

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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

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;

Holy Spirit come invade us now.

We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church; We are the hope on earth. (*refrain 2X*)¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

Green Team Introduction

Janet Taylor-Smith

*Passing the Peace

*Singing in Praise

WHAT A FRIEND

Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations. (Ooh, ooh.)
Ev'rybody knows heart break, isolation. (Ooh, ooh.)
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus, cast to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon, and forever and ever his heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry. (Ooh, ooh.)
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation. (Ooh, ooh.)
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down. {Chorus}

No more betrayal, for he is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for he is faithful, how He has proven it over and over.

No more betrayal, for he is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for he is faithful, for He has proven it over and over, over and over.
{Chorus Twice}

TAG: Forever and ever his heart is my home. ²

Children's Celebration

Reber Whitner

Drama

Family Food Game Show

Janet Taylor-Smith

✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

FOR EVERYONE BORN

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread;
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy---, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

☞ We Engage the Word ☞

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Leviticus 19:9-10

Carolyn Robinson

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest.

You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:7-14 (The Message)

He went on to tell a story to the guests around the table.

Noticing how each had tried to elbow into the place of honor, he said, “When someone invites you to dinner, don’t take the place of honor.

Somebody more important than you might have been invited by the host.

Then he’ll come and call out in front of everybody, ‘You’re in the wrong place.

The place of honor belongs to this man.’

Red-faced, you’ll have to make your way to the very last table, the only place left.

“When you’re invited to dinner, go and sit at the last place.

Then when the host comes he may very well say, ‘Friend, come up to the front.’

That will give the dinner guests something to talk about!

What I’m saying is, If you walk around with your nose in the air, you’re going to end up flat on your face.

But if you’re content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself.”

Then he turned to the host.

“The next time you put on a dinner, don’t just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor.

Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks.

You’ll be—and experience—a blessing.

They won’t be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God’s people.”

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

FOR EVERYONE BORN (CONT)

For everyone born, a place at the table,

to live without fear, and simply to be.

To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,

for everyone born, the right to be free. {Repeat Refrain 2X}

TAG: of justice, justice and joy! (3X) ³

Sermon

Table Manners

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

Song of Response

COME TO THE TABLE

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in. This is where grace begins.
We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give.
Oh, the shape that we were in.
And just when all hope seemed lost, love opened the door for us.

*He said: Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the savior. Sit down and be set free.
Come to the table.*

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves;
there's no one unwelcome here.
And that sin and shame that you brought with you,
you can leave it at the door and let mercy draw you near.

*So, come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the savior. Sit down and be set free.
Come to the table. Come to the table.*

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,
to the pris'ner and the soldier, to the young and to the older,
all who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first,
all the paupers and the princes, all who fail, you've been forgiven,
all who dream and all who suffer, all who loved and lost another,
all the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead,
anyone who's been let down, all the lost, you have been found,
all who've been labeled right or wrong, to ev'ryone who hears this song:

*Come to the table. Come join the sinners; you have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the savior. Sit down and be set free.
Sit down and be set free. Come to the table, come to the table.
Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.⁴*

Joys & Concerns

A Litany of Thankfulness

- L: Generous Almighty God for the abundance of your blessings to us
Day by day and year by year,
P: **we thank you, Lord.**
L: For our beautiful earthly home, and its many resources,
P: **we thank you, Lord.**
L: For our garden harvests of fresh fruits and vegetables,
Foods that nourish our body and spirit,

Todd

Walter Smith

P: we thank you, Lord.

L: For the generous donors in our community who contribute food to sustain others,

P: we thank you, Lord.

L: For our selfless volunteers who dedicate their time and service to our Church and community,

P: we thank you, Lord.

L: For showing us the way to work together to help those in need,

P: with grateful hearts and joyful spirits, we thank you, Lord. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

Certificate Presentation

Rev. Vicky Starnes and Gerry Boisjoly

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!

DREAM SMALL

It's a momma singin' songs about the Lord.
It's a daddy spendin' fam'ly time the world said he cannot afford.
These simple moments change the world.

It's a pastor at a tiny little church.
Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt.
These simple moments change the world.

*Dream small. Don't bother like you've gotta do it all.
Just let Jesus use you where you are, one day at a time.
Live well, loving God and others as yourself.
Find little ways where only you can help.
With his great love, a tiny rock can make a giant fall. (*last time to TAG)
Dream small.*

It's visiting the widow down the street.
Or dancin' on a Friday with your friend with special needs.
These simple moments change the world.

Of course, there's nothin' wrong with bigger dreams;
just don't miss the minutes on your way to bigger things.
'Cause these simple moments change the world. {Chorus}

Keep loving, keep serving, keep list'ning, keep learning,
keep praying, keep hoping, keep seeking, keep searching.
Add up the small things and watch them grow bigger.
The God who does all things makes oceans from rivers. {Chorus}

*TAG: Yeah, five loaves and two fish could feed them all, so dream small. Dream small. ⁵

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞

*Benediction

Vicky and Dottie Outland

*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. ⁶

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of October are sponsored in loving memory of Bob Ewing and Bob Ewing, Jr. by Carol, Kathy and Julie.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of Connie Nagel by Bill Quinn, Brett Svensson and Miriam Barton;
- In loving memory of the birthday of Gladys Spillane by John, Keith and Children;
- In honor of our new Church Family by Ginny Harbol.

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 Chase Reynolds

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Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Charles Mitchell, Fred Gentry, Sam Sonnett, Kathy Pippin, Carol Pophan, Jean Waters

Worship Resources

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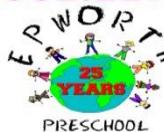
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