

Worship Celebration: January 27, 2019

10:00 a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)

This week we will focus on Nehemiah, God's priest and project manager for the exiled people who would return to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem and rebuild their faith community. Nehemiah is a great example for each of us as a ministry leader whose heart breaks for the ministry that he would take on. He also is an example for us to follow as we bring order to our lives with a focus on our faith. Come join us as we look at this amazing Old Testament character.

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☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

Gathering Music

10,000 REASONS

Epworth Praise! Team

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. {Refrain}

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. {Refrain}

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (refrain 2x)

(tag) *Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.*<sup>1</sup>

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Rev. Vicky

\*Passing the Peace

\*Call to Worship (from *Gathered By Love* by Lavon Bayler)

- L: Day and night, God is at work among us.  
We are drawn together into one body, the church.
- P: As we commune with God, we know we need one another.  
Let us honor the good to be found in all people.
- L: Hear once again the laws and commandments.  
Find them sure and right and true for all.
- P: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.  
We seek true community in which all are honored.

\*Hymn of Faith

*God Is Here*

UMH 660

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Children's Celebration

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE ENGAGE 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. (refrain 2x)*

Tag: O let the ancient words impart. <sup>2</sup>

Old Testament Lesson

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

Pam McMillan

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who

taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.”

For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**§Thanks be to God**

**Anthem** *I Will Joyfully Sing ...* Mary McDonald Chancel Choir

**Sermon** *Nehemiah: Priest and Project Manager* Rev. Todd Shultz

**✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠**

**\*Hymn of Response** *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets* UMH 108  
TUNE: HYMN TO JOY

1. God hath spoken by the prophets, spoken the unchanging Word,  
each from age to age proclaiming, God the One, the righteous Lord!  
‘Mid the world’s despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holdeth fast:  
God eternal reigns forever, God the first, and God the last.
2. God hath spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father’s glory, with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.
3. God yet speaketh by the Spirit, speaketh to our hearts again;  
in the age-long Word expounding God’s own message, now as then.  
Thru the rise and fall of nations, one sure faith yet standing fast,  
God abides, the Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.

**Sharing Joys & Concerns and Morning Prayer**

**Rev. Vicky**

**The Lord’s Prayer** *Sung Responsively*

FWS 2178

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

**Rev. Todd**

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*Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

**Offertory:** *LOVE THE LORD*

**PRAISE! TEAM**

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength; *(repeat)*

With all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind; with all your strength; (repeat)

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,  
with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; (repeat)

With all my heart, with all my soul,  
with all my mind, with all my strength;  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,  
with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength;

I will love You, (echo) I will praise You; (echo)  
I will serve You, (echo) I will trust You. (echo)

With all my heart, with all my soul,  
with all my mind, with all my strength; (repeat)

I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,  
with all my mind and with all my strength; (repeat 2x) <sup>3</sup>

✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠

\*Benediction

Rev. Todd

\*Sending Forth

*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}

Postlude

*Glory Be to God on High ...* David Paxton

Doug Yetter, organ

\* = Please stand as you are able; § = congregational response





Bulletins for the month of January are sponsored by Epworth

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In memory of his dear, dear friend, Bill Allen, by Ron Deremer;
- In loving memory of her parents, Allen & Mary Pippin, and in honor of her dear friend, Bill Nickerson, by Kathy Pippin.

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.

Assisting with today's service as

Greeters: Andy Brangenberg  
Acolyte: Autumn Reynolds  
Sound: Ken Mahan, Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman  
Ushers: Head Usher: Russ Mullen  
Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:  
Harvey Waltersdorf, Chet Sprague, Jim Larsen

Ministers: The Church Family... Lay Leader: Gwen Osborne

Senior Pastor: Rev. Vicky Starnes ... Associate Pastor: Rev. Todd Shultz

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Worship Resources

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