

Worship Celebration: February 3, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany (Year C)



Human beings were created with an amazing capacity for love and relationship. But it's complicated. The simple lessons we were taught as children aren't quite adequate for navigating healthy relationships with family and friends in the 21st Century. From social media to modern families, even if you think you've got it figured out, healthy relationships can be challenging. Today we begin a 4 week sermon series on Relationships, entitled: It's Complicated! We look first at parents and grandparents and the generational aspects of family life. Each week, we'll see what the Bible has to say about how to live in the families we've been given and the families we've chosen! As we gather today and share in this Holy Meal of Communion, we are bound as family in Christ.

We are so glad you've chosen to worship with our family this Sunday!

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community

MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care

☞ ENTER GOD'S HOUSE WITH PRAISE ☞

Praise Gathering

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)¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Passing the Peace

*Singing in Praise

CHILDREN OF GOD

Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our God and our King; To Him we will sing.
In His great mercy He has given us life; now we can be called the children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us; He has delivered us, He has delivered us!

*Children of God, sing your song and rejoice for the love that He has given us all.
Oh, children of God by the blood of His son, we have been redeemed,
and we can be called children of God, children of God.*

The mystery is revealed to the universe; The Father above has proven His love.
Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve, So we are called the children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us;
He has delivered us, He has delivered us! {Refrain}

Bridge: We are the saints, we are the children, We've been redeemed, we've been forgiven;
We are the sons and daughters of our God. (Repeat 2x, Refrain)

Tag: *Children of God! Children of God. (Bridge 2x)*²

Children's Celebration

Mickie McManamon

Joys & Concerns

Todd

Prayer of Confession

God, you are the stronghold of our lives. When life takes us to places we never imagined, you provide hope and bring us back to you. Forgive the times when we abandon your ways. Forgive our failure to see your presence in our lives. Forgive us when we hurt ourselves and one another. Forgive our fear of those who are different. Forgive our failure to care for one another. Gracious God, forgive us and heal us. Help us return to your open and loving arms, trusting you as the Lord of our lives. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The psalmist proclaims, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust." May we trust the forgiveness of God that sets us free and enables us to joyfully be the people of God. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name. (2X)

*Christ alone, cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm he is Lord. Lord of all.*

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 78:1-8

Jeff McGuire

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 5:1-4, 8

Do not speak harshly to an older man, but speak to him as to a father, to younger men as brothers, to older women as mothers, to younger women as sisters—with absolute purity. Honor widows who are really widows.
If a widow has children or grandchildren, they should first learn their religious duty to their own family and make some repayment to their parents; for this is pleasing in God's sight. And whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

CORNERSTONE (CONT)

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. {Refrain}

He is Lord, Lord of all. (Chorus 2X)

Then He shall come with trumpets sound, oh, may I there in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness above – faultless, stand before the throne. (Chorus 2X)

TAG: Lord of all. ³

Sermon

It's Complicated: Generations

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☛

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!

EYE OF THE STORM

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet,
Between the black skies and my red eyes, I can barely see.
And when I'm feeling like I've been let down by my friends and my family,
I can hear the rain reminding me:

*In the eye of the storm, You remain in control. In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn. Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.*

When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I'm running out of faith,
I see the future I picture slowly fade away.
And when the tears of pain and heartache are pouring down my face,
I can find my peace in Jesus' name. *(Refrain - Instrumental)*

When they let me go and I just don't know how I'm gonna make ends meet,
I did my best; now I'm scared to death that we might lose ev'rything.
And when a sickness takes my child away and there's nothing I can do,
My only hope is to trust You. I trust You, Lord.

*In the eye of the storm, you remain in control. In the middle of the war, you guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn. Your love surrounds me... {Refrain} ⁴*

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Communion liturgy by Rev. Mike Johnson

The Lord delights in you.

\$ And also in you.

Come boldly into the Holy Presence.

\$ We come seeking this Holy Embrace.

Dance, sing, offer now your worship,

\$ We come with joy and gratitude, wonder and amazement.

You love us just the way we are.

You have given us an infinite variety of shapes and sizes
to portray the fullness of your glory.

Each of our voices has its own tone and texture,
necessary to produce the fullness of praise.

All of us have been gifted by dreams and visions
necessary for your creation of a world rich with compassion and grace.
We are needed by you, and invited to join with you

Vicky

in transforming our world into a beautiful place.
We are all loved and inspired to love others.
Every language has an aspect of your truth to tell.
You knew that it was not good for us to be alone,
so you gave us the gift of each other.

You have made a special place at your table for each of us.
The gifts we bring are important to you.
This is the reason you invited us to join with the fullness of creation
and with all those who have found themselves in heavenly places to proclaim:

**§ Amazing, Life-changing, Inclusive Love,
Creator of every single life.
Heaven and Earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are all who call upon your name for salvation.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Please be seated)

Todd

You fill us with awe
and so does Jesus, whom you sent.
In Christ we have observed your love for:
the illegitimate and legitimate, the foreigner and the national,
the unbeliever and believers, the demonic and the delivered,
the impoverished and the wealthy, the ignorant and the brilliant, and for us.

We saw that there was no foot you would not wash:
no matter how arrogant, how traitorous, how cowardly, even washing feet like ours.

During the Passover ritual,
Jesus took the bread that remembered all who struggle in life,
and thanked you for your provision.
Jesus broke the bread and shared it with all, inviting:
“Take and eat. This is my body and I share it with you.”
Remember how deeply you are loved.

After the Passover meal,

Vicky

Jesus took the cup that remembered Divine deliverance,
and thanked you for your provision.
Jesus share the cup with all, inviting:
“Drink with me each of you, for this is the cup of my blood
poured out in recognition of God’s eternal covenant of forgiveness with you
and with all of creation.”
Remember how deeply you are loved.

We humbly take our place at your table,

and seek to live lives that reflect the same grace we find
reflected in this Divine Mystery we proclaim:

- § Christ has died in our place.
Christ is alive in this place.
Christ will come again and we have a place.

Shower of gifts, unique and holy,
energize these gifts of bread and wine,
open them up for us to become the body of Christ,
that all might feel included.

Todd

Shower of gifts, unique and holy,
energize the gift of us, with all our imperfections,
open them up for the world to become your church,
the unassuming body, dearly beloved bride,
that all might feel included.

Shower of gifts, unique and holy,
be with those we have made to feel that they do not have a place with us at your table.
Open their eyes and ours to the fact that the gift of themselves is necessary
and irreplaceable to you.

- § We are the delight of Jesus. We are the enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit.
We are the joyous play of our Creator,
so that they might receive our laughter and our tears, our dreams and our fears,
now and always. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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- § 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.

Music during Communion

GOOD GOOD FATHER

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
And You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

*You're a good, good Father. It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word. {Refrain}

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. {Repeat}

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think
as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. {Refrain 4X} ⁵

THY WILL

I'm so confused; I know I heard you loud and clear. So I followed through; somehow I ended up here.
I don't wanna think I may never understand that my broken heart is a part of Your plan.
When I try to pray, all I got is hurt and these four words:

Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will be done.

I know you're good, but this don't feel good right now.
And I know You think things I could never think about.
It's hard to count it all joy, distracted by the noise, just tryin' to make sense of all Your promises.
Sometimes I gotta stop, remember that You're God and I am not.

So, Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will be done.

Like a child on my knees, all that comes to me is: Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will...

I know You see me, I know You hear me, Lord. Your plans are for me, goodness You have in store.
I know You hear me, I know You see me, Lord. Your plans are for me, goodness You have in store.

So, Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will be done. Like a child on my knees, all that comes to me is:

Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will be done. I know You see me, I know You hear me, Lord. ⁶

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*Benediction

Vicky

*Sending Song

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. ⁷

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of February are sponsored in memory of her husband, Mike, by JoAnn Merrick. Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Orville Rowley by Jim McAlister. 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.

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