

Worship Celebration: February 17, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (Year C)

Welcome to Epworth! Our sermon series on *It's Complicated: Relationships in Today's World* continues this morning. So far during this series, we've looked at relationships with parents and grandparents, marriages and partnerships and today we look at siblings and children. Chances are you've got family dynamics and joys and challenges to celebrate and contemplate this week. We hope to use the stories of Jesus to look at just how we are to relate

to these people we literally grow up with and nurture along the way. As our denomination begins its Special General Conference on *A Way Forward* this Saturday, we also will spend some time in prayer preparing for that event. Thanks for joining us this morning! You are part of our family!

## EPWORTH

a United Methodist Church

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*VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community*

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

**S&S: CAMP CHORUS RISERS WILL BE IN PLACE FOR SERVICE**

**LEAVE KEYBOARD SET UP FOR 11:15**

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

### Praise Gathering

#### SAME POWER

I can see the waters raging at my feet. I can feel the breath of those surrounding me.  
I can hear the sound of nations rising up. We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome.

I can walk down this dark and painful road. I can face ev'ry fear of the unknown.  
I can hear all God's children singing out. We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome.

*The same power that rose Jesus from the grave,  
the same power that commands the dead to wake lives in us, lives in us.  
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks,  
the same power that can calm a raging sea lives in us, lives in us.  
He lives in us, lives in us.*

We have hope that His promises are true.  
In His strength, there is nothing we can't do.  
Yes, we know there are greater things in store.  
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome. {Refrain}

Greater is He that is living in me; He's conquered our enemy.  
No power of darkness, no weapon prevails; we stand here in victory, oh. (Repeat)  
...in victory. Yeah! {Refrain}

TAG: He lives in us. <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

Sofia Tamburello and Bianca Camiolo

### ☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☛

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}

### ☞ We Engage the Word ☛

### \*Gospel Play

Luke 15:11-32

Youth

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons.  
The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.'

So he divided his property between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."

So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!

And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

Then he became angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and began to plead with him.

But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!

Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

### \*Gospel Play

*Matthew 19:13-15*

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray.

The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

*GOOD GOOD FATHER (CONT)*

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 2X} <sup>3</sup>

Sermon

*It's Complicated: Siblings and Children*

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Response

*BIG HOUSE*

I don't know where you lay your head or where you call your home.  
I don't know where you eat your meals or where you talk on the phone.  
I don't know if you got a cook, a butler or a maid.  
I don't know if you got a yard with a hammock in the shade.  
  
I don't know if you got some shelter, say, a place to hide.  
I don't know if you live with friends in whom you can confide.  
I don't know if you got a family, say, a mom or dad.  
I don't know if you feel love at all, but I bet you wish you had.

*Come and go with me to my Father's house.  
Come and go with me to my Father's house.  
It's a big, big house with lots and lots of rooms;  
A big, big table with lots and lots of food;  
A big, big yard where we can play football;  
A big, big house. It's my Father's house.*

All I know is a big ol' house with rooms for everyone.  
All I know is lots of land where we can play and run.  
All I know is you need love, and I've got a family.  
All I know is you're all alone, so why not come with me? {Refrain 2X} <sup>4</sup>

Joys & Concerns

Todd

Prayers for the United Methodist Church and A Way Forward

L: We are gathered here together in the name of Jesus, as the children of our loving God.

P: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

L: We are sisters and brothers, the family of God.

**P: May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

L: We don't always agree, but we look together in unity toward our Savior.

**P: May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

L: Today we pray that our church reconciles what divides us and embrace what unites us.

**P: May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

L: Let us pray for one another without ceasing!

**P: Pray that we will abide in the True Vine and, thus, bear fruit for God's kingdom.**

L: Pray that we will draw strength from the power of God's Spirit.

**P: Pray that we will patiently endure hardships and suffering.**

L: Pray that we will joyfully embrace all our circumstances, giving thanks to God always.

**P: Pray that faith, love and hope will be the hallmarks of our lives and our global church.**

L: God has made us heirs of God's kingdom.

**P: Our God is so good, giving us all that we need**

L: And now may we join together in the words that Jesus taught us to pray saying:

## The Lord's Prayer

*(sung responsively)*

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

Vicky

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*Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

## Offertory:

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. <sup>5</sup>

## ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

### \*Benediction

Vicky

### \*Sending Song

GREATER

Bring your tired and bring your shame, bring your guilt and bring your pain.  
Don't you know that's not your name?  
You will always be much more to me.  
And every day I wrestle with the voices that keep telling me I'm not right,  
but that's all right.

*'Cause I hear a voice, and He calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough.  
And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.  
In the world, in the world.  
And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.*

Bring your doubts and bring your fears, bring your hurt and bring your tears.  
There'll be no condemnation here;  
you are holy, righteous and redeemed.  
And every time I fall there'll be those who will call me a mistake.  
Well, that's okay. {Refrain}

*(Bridge) There'll be days I lose the battle, Grace says that it doesn't matter  
'cause the cross already won the war.*

*I am learning to run freely, understanding just how He sees me,  
and it makes me love Him more and more. (repeat) {Refrain} (bridge)*

(Tag) God is greater than he who is living in the world. <sup>6</sup>

*\*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 James Shultz and Carlton Starkweather by Rev. Todd & Linda Shultz;
- Dedicated to friends struggling with cancer by Jill Harp & Laura Mitchell.

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: Bud Frampton, Barbara Brittingham, Ginny Refsnider, Jean Waters, Larry Zeigler, Lori Watson

## Worship Resources

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