

Worship Celebration: February 24, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

7th Sunday after Epiphany (Year C)



Welcome to Epworth! Today is the final installment of our It's Complicated sermon series. This week we look at our relationships with friends, co-workers, neighbors – people we hang out with and love. What does the Bible say about our friendships? Paul's letter to the Roman church contains some important teachings about friendship. How might we apply those teachings to our relationships with our friends, so that we can endure times of conflict and unhappiness? Relationships are a gift that God gives us to share – we hope this series has proven to be fruitful in your life, with those you love. 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

{S&S: LEAVE KEYBOARD SET UP FOR 11:15}

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

Praise Gathering

FRIEND OF GOD

Who am I that You are mindful of me, that You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me? How You love me, it's amazing.

(refrain 1) I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God.

I am a friend of God, He calls me friend.

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God.

I am a friend of God, He calls me friend. (repeat verse)

Who am I that You are mindful of me, that You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me? How You love me, it's amazing.
It's Amazing!!! *(refrain 1)*

(Bridge) God almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

God almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

God almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

*(refrain 2) I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend.
I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend. (repeat)*

(Tag) You call me friend!!!

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*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

Gwen Osborne and Mickie McManamon

☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☛

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

(pre-chorus) So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me. (2X)

☞ We Engage the Word ☛

Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:9-21 (Common English Bible)

Angus MacLennan

Love should be shown without pretending.
Hate evil, and hold on to what is good.
Love each other like the members of your family.

Be the best at showing honor to each other.

Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic - be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!

Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.

Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home.

Bless people who harass you - bless and don't curse them.

Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying.

Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else.

Instead, associate with people who have no status.

Don't think that you're so smart.

Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

Instead, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink.

By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.

Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH (CONT)

Great is Your love and justice, God, You use the weak to lead the strong.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation,

and all Your people sing along. (*pre-chorus*)(*refrain 2x*)(*prechorus*)

(*refrain 2*)Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough. Heaven reaching down to us. Your grace is enough for me.

God, I see Your grace is enough. I'm covered in your love.

Your grace is enough for me, for me. ³

{CHEERS THEME - Doug at keyboard}

Sermon

It's Complicated: Friends and Co-workers

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Response

HOLY SPIRIT

There's nothing worth more that could ever come close.

No thing can compare; You're our living hope. Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,

where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone. Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.

Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,

to be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

Your presence, Lord. {Repeat to top}

Let us become more aware of Your presence.

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. {Repeat section 4X total – then 1st four lines of Chorus} ⁴

Joys & Concerns

Todd

Prayers for the United Methodist Church and A Way Forward

L: Loving and caring God of all people, we bring the state of your church on earth to you this morning, where does our hope rest?

P: **Our hope rests in you.**

L: We do not hope in power or fame.

P: **Our hope rests in you.**

L: We do not hope in leaders or kings.

P: **Our hope rests in you.**

L: We do not hope in human knowledge or wisdom.

P: **Our hope rests in you.**

L: In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion

P: **Our hope rests in you.**

L: In you there is no Jew or Gentile, no male or female, no gay or straight, no black or white

P: **Our hope rests in you.**

L: All are one in Jesus Christ.

P: **Who is the light of our life**

L: May your will be done in this time of decision that is upon your church

P: **Our hope rests in you.**

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!

Offertory:

THE WAY (NEW HORIZON)

Through every battle, through every heartbreak, through every circumstance,
I believe that You are my fortress. Oh, You are my portion. You are my hiding place,

Oh, I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.

I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.

I believe through every blessing, through every promise, through every breath I take,
I believe that You are provider. You are protector. You are the One I love.

I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.

I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are.

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.

And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.

All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,
because they can't stay long when I'm here with You.

(Bridge)

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.
All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,
because they can't stay long

when I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.

I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are. (Repeat Final Bridge / Final Chorus) ⁵

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

*Benediction

Vicky

*Sending Song

I AM

There's no space that His love can't reach. There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to amazing grace.
Take me in with your arms spread wide. Take me in like an orphan child.
Never let go, never leave my side.

I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.

In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am!

Love like this, Oh my God to find! I am overwhelmed what a joy divine!
Love like this sets our hearts on fire! *(chorus 2x)*

This is my resurrection song. This is my "Hallelujah, come!"

This is why to You I run.

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There's no end to Amazing Grace.

I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.

In the middle of the storm, I am holding on. (repeat 2X)

(Tag) I am. I am. In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am! ⁶

**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 memory of Elizabeth Carpenter by Karen West;
- In honor of the music ministry by Miriam Barton.

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 Bianca Camiolo

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Charles Mitchell, Woody Woelker, Cathy McCallister, Karen Hugues, Michael Fehrenbach, Sam Sonnett

Worship Resources

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