

Worship Celebration: March 3, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

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

In early January some four thousand youth and youth leaders gathered at a Youth Rally in Ocean City, Maryland. Youth from Epworth were among them and today they share some of that experience with us in worship. How blessed we are to have young people who are willing to listen for God's call on their lives and learn about God's protection in their lives! We are also blessed as we hear them share their perspectives and learnings from this weekend in worship today.

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

✠ ENTER GOD'S HOUSE WITH PRAISE ✠

### Praise Gathering

### 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)<sup>1</sup>*

Opening

Youth Group

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Angelo Ballard-Rose &  
Cole Juliano

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Singing in Praise

YOU KNOW ME BETTER

Youth Group

Can't wrap my mind around the way You see me like gold.  
You stand in my mess, and call out the best in me.  
When my mind gets crowded with the lies that I'm told.  
You tell me the truth, and show me that You believe in me.  
You believe in me.

*You know me as honest. You know me as good.*

*You know me the way that I wish I could.*

*You know me worthy. You know me loved.*

*You know me better.*

When I don't know where to find me,  
Show me where to start, show me who You are  
So I know who I am.  
'Cause You know who I am.

*You know me as honest. You know me as good.*

*You know me the way that I wish I could.*

*You know me worthy, You know me loved,*

*You know me better.*

*You know me completely, You know me true.*

*You know me as someone who looks like You.*

*You know me perfect, You know me strong.*

*You know me better.*

I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am.  
Your Word will never change,  
I am who You say I am. {Repeat section}

*You know me as honest, You know me as good. (I am who You say I am)*  
*You know me the way that I wish I could (I am who You say I am)*  
*You know me worthy, You know me loved (Your word will never change)*  
*You know me better (I am who You say I am)*  
*Oh, You know, You know*  
*You know me completely, You know me true (I am who You say I am)*  
*You know me as someone who looks like You (I am who You say I am)*  
*You know me perfect, You know me strong (Your word will never change)*  
*You know me better (I am who You say I am)*

I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am.  
Your Word will never change. I am who You say I am. <sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

Noah Ryan & Cole Juliano

## Joys & Concerns

Sofia Tamburello

## Prayers of the People (*unison*)

Alexis Brown

Holy, holy, holy Lord – you have been our dwelling place for generations. You know the sorrow of our hearts as we mourn with loss too deep for words. You know the hopes and dreams we have whispered in our sleep and shouted in our prayers. In this time of prayer we weep – for what will no longer be. In this time of prayer we acknowledge what is lost. Have mercy on your servants. Catch the tears, gather the cries, and comfort the convulsing shoulders of your children. Lift us our faces to see you and trust that you are here. Show us the path that will lead to peace. We long to find joy once more, and to sing of your steadfast love. We are waiting Lord. We are watching. We yield to the prompting of your Spirit. Amen.

## ☞ BE SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD ☞

### HEAVEN ON EARTH

I've been asleep head in the sand, watching the time just ticking.  
Clock runs around, days in and out, can't really call it living.  
Somewhere I let light go dark, but here's where my new story starts.

*Take my life and let it be, set on fire for all to see.*

*Break me down build me up again, don't leave me the way I've been.*

*Take my heart into Your hands - come and finish what You began*

*'Til I seek Your kingdom first, 'til I shine, shine like Heaven on earth. Like Heaven on earth.*

I wanna wake, I wanna see all of the ways You're moving.  
Show me the need, 'cause I wanna be a part of what You're doing.  
In my heart let Kingdom come - not my will but Yours be done. {Chorus}

Help me move when I should move.  
Help me rest when I should rest.  
Help me give what I should give, all of me, nothing less.  
Help me speak with grace and truth.  
Help me fight for those who can't.  
Help me love the way You love - never holding nothing back. {Chorus}

TAG: Like Heaven on earth. Like Heaven on earth. <sup>3</sup>

Skit

Red Balloon

Youth Group

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-4

Alexis Brown

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not  
overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall  
not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Brothers and Sisters,  
This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Protector

Autumn Reynolds

### ✪ 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!

#### KNOWN

It's so unusual, it's fright'ning; You see right through the mess inside me.  
And You call me out to pull me in; You tell me I can start again,  
and I don't need to keep on hidin'.

*I'm fully known and loved by You; You won't let go no matter what I do.  
And it's not one or the other, it's hard truth and ridiculous grace  
to be known, fully known, and loved by You. I'm fully known and loved by You.*

It's so like You to keep pursuing, it's so like me to go astray.  
But You guard my heart with Your truth, the kind of love that's bulletproof,  
and I surrender to Your kindness. {Chorus}

How real, how wide, how rich, how high is Your heart.

I cannot find the reasons why You give me so much. {Repeat section – Repeat Chorus w/ TAG}

TAG: It's so unusual it's fright'ning; I'm fully known and loved by You. <sup>4</sup>

**\*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

*Communion liturgy by Rev. Mike Johnson*

The Lord delights in you.

Vicky

§ **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  
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,

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.

Vicky

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.

☞ Share God's Grace with the World ☛

\*Benediction

Bianca Camiolo & Sofia Tamburello

\*Sending Song

WHEN WE PRAY

People hurting, people broken, beaten down and feeling hopeless,  
wonder if it's gonna always be this way.  
Who will speak up for the captive, show some love and heal a past that binds the wounds  
we think will never go away.  
But-a what could be, a people on our knees,  
as one before the King 'cause we believe?

*All the world starts changin', when the church starts prayin',  
strongholds start to break, oh when we pray.  
Prison walls start shaking, at the sounds of praisin',  
nothing stays the same, oh. When we pray, oh, oh, when we pray, oh, oh.*

I see revival rising, I see hope on the horizon,  
as a generation steppin' out in faith.  
Because we will be, a people on our knees,  
as one before the King, yeah we believe. {Repeat Chorus}

Let Your kingdom come, Lord.  
Let Your will be done.  
All the world starts changin', when the church starts prayin'.  
Strongholds start to break, oh, when we pray. {Repeat Chorus}

TAG: *When we pray, oh, oh, when we pray, oh, oh. When we pray, oh, oh, when we pray.* <sup>5</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of March are sponsored by Russ Mullen.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of their fathers, Charles Rinker and Charles Brenton, by Elizabeth Rinker and Sue Brenton.

Youth Group: Autumn Reynolds, Angelo Ballard-Rose, Alexis Brown, Bianca Camiolo, Cole Thomas Juliano, Noah Ryan, Sofia Tamburello, Sami Messina, James Blair, Thomas Blair.

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 Alexis Brown

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Jerry Alexander, Coles Marsh, De Raynes, Robbin Murray, Tom Curry, Ken Backer

## Worship Resources

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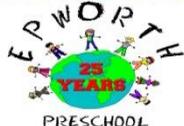
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