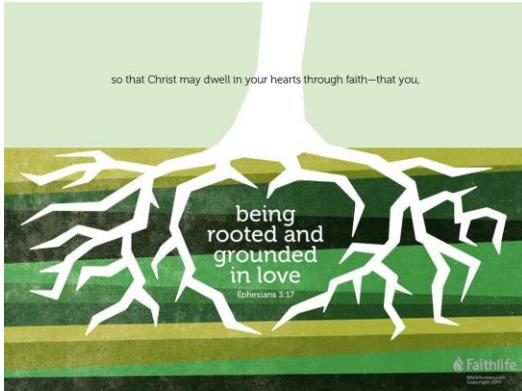


Worship Celebration: March 10, 2019
 EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)
 1st Sunday of Lent (Year C)



Welcome to Lent at Epworth! Our Lenten theme this year is The Lord's Prayer. Our Worship Services, Sermon Series and Children's Sunday School Lessons will all focus on this foundational prayer for our lives as followers of Jesus. We will be asking everyone to say the Lord's Prayer every day during Lent. Use it at meal times, say it before bed, say it at church meetings, small group, choir rehearsal – whenever you gather and are looking for a word for God – include this well-known but meaningful prayer. Today we begin at the beginning with “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.” Why does Jesus teach his disciples this prayer and why do we

need a familiar prayer; why does it start with Our Father and many more questions, we'll look at today. We are blessed by your presence this day – journey with us this Lent.

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community

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

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

Praise Gathering

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

1. Almighty God, my Redeemer, my hiding place, my safe refuge.
 No other name like Jesus, no power can stand against You.
2. My feet are planted on this rock, and I will not be shaken.
 My hope, it comes from You alone, my Lord and my salvation.

*Your praise is always on my lips. Your Word is living in my heart.
 And I will praise You with a new song, my soul will bless You, Lord.
 You fill my life with greater joy. Yes, I delight myself in You.
 And I will praise You with a new song, my soul will bless You, Lord. (verse 2, refrain)*

*(Bridge) When I am weak You make me strong. When I'm poor I know I'm rich.
 For in the power of Your name all things are possible,
 all things are possible, all things are possible, all things are possible! (refrain, bridge)*

Tag: All things are possible. (*repeat 4x*) ¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

THE RIVER

I know a place, where we can go, to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,
I know a place, where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray, ay, ay.

Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river. You will leave changed.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river. Never the same.

I've seen it move, in my own life, took me from dusty roads into paradise.
All of my dirt, all of my shame, drowned in the streams that've made me born again.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh. {Chorus}

TAG 1: *Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)

Let's go down. {Chorus}

TAG 2: *Oh, down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.

Down, down, down to the river.

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace. ²

Children's Celebration

Terre Walton

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

Lynn Mays

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 6:1-15

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

Prayer ... Jeanne C. Warzyn

Memorial Bell Choir

☞ We Engage the Word ☞

Sermon

1. Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Response

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
when the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,

*"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say, {Refrain}

*You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name. {Repeat section -Refrain} 3*

Joys & Concerns

Todd

Morning Prayer

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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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:

Down to the River to Pray
Traditional; arr. by Anna Laura Page

Memorial Bells

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

*Benediction

Vicky

*Sending Song

NOT TODAY

Trouble won't throw me, won't break me, won't scare me no more.
Fear must have thought I was faithless when it came for my heart.
'Cause I got a song that will never die, I know Your love is the reason why.

*I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.
I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name, let the devil know, not today.*

Tell me, did the enemy panic as you took up that cross?
Tell me, did the darkness cry mercy as You rolled back that rock?
'Cause I know Your life is the life in mine, I know Your love is the reason why.

*I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.
I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name.
Jesus, let the devil know, not today. Whenever I say Your name, Jesus, let the devil know, not today.
Not now, not ever again.*

Your love stood down death, crushed the devil's head.
Fear is just a liar running out of breath.
The fight beneath Your feet, I'm standing on Jesus' Name.
So let the devil know, not today. Let the devil know, not today.
No, no, not now, not ever again. Jesus, let the devil know, not today, not today, not today.

*I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.
I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name.
Jesus, let the devil know, not today. Let the devil know, not today.
No, no, not now, not ever again. Let the devil know, not today.
Let the devil know, not today, let the devil know not today. ⁴*

**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 loving memory of Chuck Johnson by Bev.

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 Autumn Reynolds

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Duncan & Weezie Leet, Beth Rinker, Jayne Tamburello

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