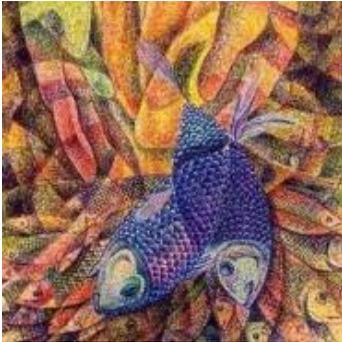


Worship Celebration: March 24, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Year C)



Blessings on your Lenten Journey! Today we enter week 3 of Lent and continue our series on The Lord's Prayer. Are you remembering to say the Lord's Prayer every day? That's our commitment this Lent. We also have meaningful Lenten Devotions every day delivered to your email box, if you give us your email address – see <https://www.eumcrb.org> and scroll down to the bottom to join mailing list. This Sunday's theme is "Give us this day our daily bread." There are many stories in the Bible that speak of daily bread – and we'll touch on two of those; the manna in the wilderness that God provided and the story of the 5 loaves and the 2 fishes. How does God provide for us? And how are we to take care of what God gives us? Lent is a good time for reflecting on how we use God's gifts. Today we will also have a healing service where we will be anointed by the grace of God. Thank you God!

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

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

### Praise Gathering

### OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

We waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name, calling out to you.  
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth.

You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.

*Open up the heavens; we wanna see You.*

*Open up the floodgates, a mighty river flowing from Your heart, filling ev'ry part of our praise.*

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky.  
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now. Lord, unveil our eyes.

You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing. *(Chorus 2X)*

Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power.

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. *(repeat)*

Into CHORUS: We wanna see You, we wanna see You! *(Chorus 2X)*

TAG: We sing, sing! <sup>1</sup>

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

### \*Singing in Praise

#### THE GOSPEL

A restless generation, we're turning over ev'ry stone,  
hoping to find salvation in a world that's left us cold.  
Can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?  
There's only one way to the Father, and He's calling out to us.

*To the captive it looks like freedom, to the orphan it feels like home.  
To the skeptic it might sound crazy to believe in a God who loves.  
In a world where our hearts are breaking, and we're lost in the mess we've made,  
like a blinding light in the dead of night, it's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.  
It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

It's the cure for our condition, it's the Good News for us all.  
It's greater than religion, it's the power of the cross.  
So, can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?  
There's only one way to the Father, and He's calling out to us. {Chorus}  
*It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

In my own life it means forgiveness when I know I deserve the fall.  
It called me out of my darkness and carried me to the cross.  
In a moment my eyes were opened, in that moment my heart was changed.  
Like a blinding light in the dead of night, it's the Gospel. {Chorus}

TAG: *It's the Gospel that makes a way. Oh, oh, it's the Gospel that makes a way.  
It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.*<sup>2</sup>

### Children's Celebration

Rev. Todd Shultz

#### WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*<sup>3</sup>

#### ✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

### Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 16:9-15

Rob Linder

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'"

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"

For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

### **\*Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 6:34-44*

As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat."

But he answered them, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?"

And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see."

When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass.

So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**\$Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

*The Lord's Prayer: Give us this day our daily bread*

Rev. Vicky Starnes

**✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠**

**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!*

## 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 buy the lie 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. Dream small. <sup>4</sup>

## Sharing Joys & Concerns

Todd

### 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.

## Dedication of Stephen Ministry Leaders

### Presentation

L: *(addressing the Stephen Leaders) (JoAnn Merrick and Karen Kaufman)*, you have been trained at a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course and have been asked to serve as Stephen Leaders at Epworth United Methodist Church. You are a gift of God to us, to lead us in this ministry of equipping and caring.

### Address

L: *(addressing the congregation)* As Christians who are a part of the priesthood of all believers, all of us are called to offer ourselves to our Lord in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus Christ. But it is also our privilege to recognize and support

those who are trained for specific ministries in this congregation, especially those Stephen Leaders who will direct this ministry.

L: *(addressing the Stephen Leaders)* Because of your gifts, your calling, and your training, we charge you with these responsibilities.

- To build awareness of our growing Stephen Ministry
- To solicit the commitment of this congregation to Stephen Ministry at every opportunity
- To recruit, select, and train thoroughly as Stephen Ministers those members of this congregation whose gift it is to share one-to-one caring ministry
- To use the resources of our community as appropriate to enrich the training and ongoing supervision of Stephen Ministry
- To work with the pastors to identify members who could benefit from this confidential caring ministry
- To assign the trained caregiver who most appropriately fits a person's need
- To supervise these confidential caring relationships and offer regular opportunities for continuing growth in the skills and practice of caring ministry

### Vows

L: *(addressing the Stephen Leaders)* Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

SM: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others – to support, encourage, build up, and heal people in all their needs?

SM: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: *(addressing the congregation)* Members of Epworth, will you open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen Leaders and pray for them as servants of Christ? If so, answer: "Yes, with the help of God."

C: Yes, with the help of God.

SM: *(addressing the Pastor)* Rev. **Todd and Rev. Vicky**, will you support our ministry as Stephen Leaders, affirm the training of Stephen Ministers, carefully refer trained caregivers to those in need of supportive ministry, encourage confidentiality, and thereby help to "equip the saints for ministry?" If so answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

Pastors: Yes, with the help of God.

### Prayer

L: Let us pray.

P: Gracious God, you have called these people to lead us into new paths of caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered them for this task. Grant them joy in their service and a spirit of bold trust in you, that their ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing

L: May the Lord of the church fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless, and keep you, so that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called, gifted, trained and sent.

*(Move into time of healing now)*

## A Time of Healing - Thanksgiving over the Oil

Todd

The Lord be with you.

§ And also with you.

Almighty God,

We pray that our brothers and sisters

May be comforted in their suffering and made whole.

When they are afraid, give them courage;

when they feel weak, grant them your strength;

when they are afflicted, afford them patience;

when they are lost, offer them hope;

when they are alone, move us to their side;

when death comes, open your arms to receive them.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## Anointing and Healing Prayers

*All are invited to come forward for anointing and healing prayers at the chancel rail.*

*If you would like spoken prayer, simply ask the Stephen Minister to pray with you.*

## Music during Healing

### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;

That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;

As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life- I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;

But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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### IT IS WELL

When peace, like a river, attends me on my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, You have taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! {Refrain}  
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. {Refrain} <sup>6</sup>

## ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

### \*Benediction

Vicky

### \*Sending Song

OLD CHURCH CHOIR

There's a revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.  
A Sunday morning, hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.  
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.  
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it. There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

*I've got an old church choir singing in my soul. I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored. No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.*

When the valleys that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb,  
Oh, You are with me, You never leave me.  
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. {Refrain}

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (2X)  
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I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored. There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.* <sup>7</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 a happy 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary Fred, with love, and in honor of his 3 year courageous health battle by Sharyn Smith.

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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Acolyte Chase Reynolds

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Jean Waters, Loretta Mahan, Bill & Kathy Shook, Ginny Refsnider, Ruth Ann Barnes

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