

Worship Celebration: March 31, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Year C)



We are more than halfway through the 40 days of Lent. We are taking this journey using The Lord's Prayer as our guide – praying it each day, reading Lenten Devotions, coming to worship and hearing songs and scripture and words that help us to contemplate its meaning. Today we turn to the phrase we are reluctant to hear in this well-known prayer: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Why did Jesus have to go there? Sin is the condition we'd rather not think about and forgiveness is awfully hard to grant. Listen for the story of King David and how he

confronted the sin in his life as we worship together this day. We are blessed to welcome a new member to our family and God continues to bless Epworth! Thank you for joining us in worship.

## EPWORTH

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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

#### WE BELIEVE

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,  
there is only one foundation: we believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, you help us see.

There is only one salvation: we believe, we believe.

*We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.*

*We believe in the Crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.*

*We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.*

So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing.

In our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe! {Refrain}

Let the lost be found, and dead be raised; in the here and now let love invade.

Let the church live loud! Our God will save. We believe! We believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the power of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.  
We believe in the Crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back, He's coming back again!  
He's coming back again! We believe! We believe!*<sup>1</sup>

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

### \*Singing in Praise

#### MIGHTY TO SAVE

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save.  
He is mighty to save Forever, Author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in. Now I surrender. (refrain 2x)

Bridge: Shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. (refrain 2x) (bridge)(refrain 2x)

(Tag) Shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus. (6x)<sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

Esther Downes

### ☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☞

#### HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

### ☞ We Engage the Word ☞

## Psalm Lesson

### Psalm 51

Carol Lewis

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant  
Mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are  
justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.  
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of  
your deliverance.  
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.  
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you  
will not despise.  
Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then you will delight  
in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered  
on your altar.

## Epistle Lesson

*Colossians 2:13-15, 3:12-15*

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you  
alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that  
stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.  
He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over  
them in it.  
As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, meekness, and patience.  
Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just  
as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.  
Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.  
And be thankful.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**§Thanks be to God**

*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD (CONT)*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the End.  
The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (*refrain 2x*)

*(refrain 2) Name above all names, worthy of all praise, my heart will sing, how great is our God.*

*Name above all names, worthy of all praise my heart will sing, how great is our God.*

*How great, how great is our God! <sup>3</sup>*

✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠

## Song of Response

## ALL MY HOPE

I've been held by the Savior. I've felt fire from above.  
I've been down to the river. I ain't the same; a prodigal returned.

*All my hope is in Jesus. Thank God that yesterday's gone. All my sins are forgiven. and I've been washed by the blood.*

I'm no stranger to the prison. I've worn shackles and chains.  
But I've been freed and forgiven. yes, I have. I'm not going back; I'll never be the same.  
That's why I sing: {Chorus}

There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man, break him down to his knees.  
God, I've been broken more than a time or two, yes, Lord.  
Then He picked me up and showed me what it means to be a man.  
Come on and sing: {Chorus 2X} <sup>4</sup>

✠ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ✠

## Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.  
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation through water and the Spirit.  
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at Baptism  
acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Lay Leader: I present this person today for membership:

New Members:

Shirley Riley

*To the new members*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness  
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? § I do. Todd

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice,  
and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? § I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as our Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races? § I do. Vicky

According to the grace given to you,  
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? § I will.

*To the congregation*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Todd  
\$ We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this person with a community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us stand and join together in professing the Christian faith by reciting the Apostles' Creed:

Todd

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*To the new members*

Gwen

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? \$ I will.

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your witness, your gifts, and your service? \$ I will.

\*Commendation and Welcome *to the congregation*

Gwen, Todd, Vicky

Members of the household of God, I commend this person to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

\$ We give thanks for all that God has already given you and welcome you in Christian love. As members with you in the body of Christ and in Epworth, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our witness, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

\*A Song of Welcome *Welcome (Let's Walk Together)*

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin  
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,  
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace.

*Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.*

*All are welcome, the love of God to share, 'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome to this place. <sup>5</sup>*

## Joys & Concerns

Todd

## Morning Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

UMH 271

L: Our Father, who is in heaven,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: Done on earth as it is in heaven,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: Give us this day our daily bread,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: And forgive all our debts,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: As we forgive our debtors,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: Lead us not into temptation,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: But deliver us from all evil,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: For thine is the kingdom, power, and glory,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: Forever and forever,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: Amen, amen, amen,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

L: Amen, amen, amen,

P: **hallowed-a be thy name.**

### 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!*

### TRUST IN YOU

Letting go of ev'ry single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.

Ev'ry moment of my wandering never changes what You see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need Your rest.

Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,*

*When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,*

*When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You, I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.*

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings; there's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.  
So, in all things be my life and breath. I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less. {Chorus}

I will trust in you.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand.

You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.

Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.

There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood. {Chorus}

TAG: I will trust in You. I will trust in You. I will trust in You. <sup>6</sup>

## ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

### \*Benediction

Vicky

### \*Sending Song

#### WHO YOU SAY I AM

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me! Oh, His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me!

*(Chorus) Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

*In my Father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. (Section 2X)

I am who You say I am. {Chorus}

*In my Father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. (Section 4X)

Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am. {Chorus} <sup>7</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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 Bianca Camiolo

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Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Nancy Bodner, Kim Scott, James Floyd, Annette Predeaux

## Worship Resources

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