

Worship Celebration: April 7, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

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



Today we continue our 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 focus on the petition, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” We look at how the devil tempted Jesus in the desert and how the devil influences the decisions in our lives. We will have the opportunity to reflect on our lives and then become strengthened by the holy sacrament of communion! Thank you for joining us in worship.

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*VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community*

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

✠ ENTER GOD'S HOUSE WITH PRAISE ✠

**Praise Gathering**

*MY LIGHTHOUSE*

In my wrestling, and in my doubts, in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!*  
*Oh My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore,*  
*safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea. {Chorus}

Bridge: Fire before us, You're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms. (Repeat 4X – Chorus)<sup>1</sup>

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## \*Singing in Praise

JESUS

There is a truth older than the ages. There is a promise of things yet to come.  
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness. There is a kingdom that forever reigns.  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus, Jesus.

*Who walks on the waters? Who speaks to the sea? Who stands in the fire beside me?  
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb. He carries my healing in His hands. Jesus.*

There is a name I call in times of trouble. There is a song that comforts in the night.  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages. He is Jesus, Jesus. {Refrain}

Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name.  
You're my Rock and my Redeemer. There is power in Your name, in Your name.

*You walk on the waters? You speak to the sea? You stand in the fire beside me?  
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb. You carried my healing in Your hands.*

*God, You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea, You stand in the fire beside me.  
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb. You carried my healing in Your Hands.*

TAG: Jesus, there is no one like You. {repeat} 2

Children's Celebration

Terre Walton

Joys & Concerns

Vicky

Prayer of Confession

We have wanted to be loyal to you, powerful God, but it is easy to forget that you are in charge. The ways of love and nonviolence do not seem to work. The shame of the cross has no appeal. We want to enjoy our advantages, not risk them for people we do not know. We like some of the things Jesus did and said, but we turn from following when opposition comes and danger looms. O God, save us from the temptation to betray and defect. Grant us courage to live as disciples. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In Christ, your guilt is taken away. Your shame and confusion are lifted. Your good intentions are affirmed. Lay aside the weight of sin and dare to stand with Jesus Christ. Support one another as pioneers of a new and better way. God will help you and grant you joy.

☞ BE SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD ☞

DESERT SONG

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry.

This is my prayer in my hunger and need. My God is the God who provides.

This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness, or trial or pain.

There is a faith proved of more worth than gold. So refine me, Lord, through the flame.

*I will bring praise. I will bring praise. No weapon formed against me shall remain.  
I will rejoice. I will declare, God is my victory, and He is here.*

**Epistle Lesson**

*1 Peter 5:6-11*

Eleanor Marchmont

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.  
Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Discipline yourselves, keep alert.

Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.  
Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the  
world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his  
eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the  
wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been  
given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to

him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will  
command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear  
you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**§Thanks be to God**

*DESERT SONG (CONT)*

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way.

I am a conqueror and coheir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand. {Refrain}

All of my life, in ev'ry season, You are still God.

I have a reason to sing. I have a reason to worship. (Repeat 3X – Refrain)

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow.

I know I'm filled to be emptied again. The seed I've received I will sow. <sup>3</sup>

**Sermon**

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Rev. Todd Shultz

☞ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☛

**Invitation to Offering** ~ Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.

Todd

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!

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. <sup>4</sup>*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

Communion liturgy by Rev. Mike Johnson

The Lord delights in you.

§ **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

Vicky

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,

Vicky

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.

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.

**S 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.**

*AS IT IS IN HEAVEN*

Our Father, Who is in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Come and let Your glory come, and let Your glory fall.  
Our Father, Who is in Heaven; the rocks cry out Your fame.  
Come and let Your glory come, and let Your glory fall.

I will sing, sing a new song, I will sing, sing a new song;  
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord.

*Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.  
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of Your name, on earth, as it is in Heaven.*

God give us, new ev'ry morning, mercy as daily bread.  
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus we pray.  
And lead us not to temptation, but deliver us with Your hand  
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus we pray. Father we pray!

I will sing, sing a new song, I will sing, sing a new song; I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord.

*Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.  
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of Your name, on earth, as it is in Heaven.*

For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours, and the glory forever, amen.  
For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours, and the glory forever, amen.  
Yeah, the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours, and the glory forever, amen.  
For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours, and the glory forever, amen.

*Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.  
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of Your name, on earth, as it is in Heaven. As it is in Heaven. <sup>5</sup>*

## Music during Communion

### IN REMEMBRANCE

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted, drink, and remember, too,  
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love,

in remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart.

Look into your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me. <sup>6</sup>

### GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,

in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.*

When I am alone, oh, and when I am alone, when I am alone, give me Jesus. {Refrain}

*Interlude after Refrain: Jesus. Give me Jesus.*

When I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, you can have all this world,  
you can have all this world, just give me Jesus. <sup>7</sup>*

## ☞ Share God's Grace with the World ☛

### \*Benediction

Todd

### \*Sending Song

#### 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, east 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. <sup>8</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In memory of her father, William C. Morgan, who passed on April 8, 2018, from Diane Morgan Conte;
- In loving memory of Orville Myers, father of Diana Robertson, from Diana & Micheal Robertson;
- In honor of Arne Jerfsten on his birthday by Jeanne and Evan.

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 Chase Reynolds

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Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Tom & Irene Safrit, Fred Gentry, Joyce Pool, Suzanne Krupa, Sam Vyas

## Worship Resources

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