

Worship Celebration: April 28, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

Earth Day (Year C)



Welcome to Epworth! Today is our Earth Day celebration. Praising the beauty of God's creation is an essential part of our faith journey. Each year, it is appropriate to devote at least one Sunday to lift up stewardship of the earth as a focus. We give thanks to God for our heavenly home and reflect on our responsibility for being good caretakers of God's creation. We hope you enjoy our Earth Day service and have a renewed appreciation for the sanctity of our earthly home. We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today.

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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

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings. {Refrain}

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (3X)  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy, worthy! {Refrain}

TAG: All that You've done for me. (repeat) <sup>1</sup>

# Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

## Introduction of the Green Team

Janet Taylor-Smith

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Singing in Praise

#### HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Your hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Your power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; {Refrain}

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! {Refrain} <sup>2</sup>

### Children's Celebration

*What Does It Mean to be Green*

Reber Whitner

### Video

*Journey of a Toothbrush*

## ✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

#### ALL GOOD GIFTS

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above.  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.*

We thank you, then O Father, for all things bright and good.  
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts.  
But that which you desire – our humble thankful hearts. {Refrain}

*I really want to thank You, Lord.  
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above.*

*I want to thank You, Lord, I want to thank You.  
Oh, thank You, Lord! Thank You, Lord!  
Thank You, Lord! Thank You, Lord!  
Thank You, Lord!*<sup>3</sup>

## ☞ We Engage the Word ☞

### Psalm Lesson

*Psalm 104:25-30*

David King

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

### New Testament Lesson

*Acts 14:8-20*

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth.

He listened to Paul as he was speaking.

And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.”

And the man sprang up and began to walk.

When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!”

Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice.

When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, “Friends, why are you doing this?”

We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.

In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.”

Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds.

Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city.  
The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

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

**SThanks be to God**

**Introduction of Speaker**

Janet Taylor-Smith

**Sermon**

*Rethinking from an Environmental Perspective*

Jennifer Biddle

**Youth Challenge**

Bianca Camiolo

**☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞**

**Song of Response**

*BIG YELLOW TAXI*

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.  
with a pink hotel, a boutique and a swinging hot spot.

*Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone?*

*They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.*

They took all the trees and put 'em in a tree museum.  
And they charged all the people, a dollar and a half just to see 'em. {Refrain}

Hey, farmer, farmer, and put away that D. D. T. now,  
give me spots on my apples but leave me the birds and the bees. Please! {Refrain 2x} +

**Joys & Concerns**

Walt Smith

**Morning Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Marilyn Emanuel**

L: Our Earth Day Father: Our Loving Parent to all peoples, God of all Creation...

Who art in heaven:

P: **Your residence, designed to include us....**

L: Hallowed be thy name:

P: **We honor your holiness when we honor creation.**

L: Thy kingdom come:

P: **May your Garden of Eden be re-established on earth...**

L: Thy will be done:

P: **Help us love you, all creatures and our habitat...**

L: On earth as it is in heaven:

P: **On this spinning planet as it is in paradise.**

L: Give us this day our daily bread:

P: **Re-energize us from healthy fields of grain and with love enough to feed all your children.**

L: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us:

P: **Forgive us when we trespass upon your earth as owners rather than being stewards,**

just as we forgive those who injure us.

L: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

P: Lead us away from lazy littering, deliver us from pollution of ourselves or your world.

L: For thine is the kingdom:

P: Everything belongs to you.

L: The power:

P: You are the creative energy source for all good.

L: And the glory forever:

P: Your lasting glory shines in clear, starry nights, gleaming rocky mountain heights, and crystal waters sparkling bright!

L: Amen.

**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!*

**Offertory:**

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom for me and for you,  
and I think to myself, "What a wonderful world!"

I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright blessed day, the dark, sacred night,  
and I think to myself, "What a wonderful world!"

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, are also on the faces of people passin' by.  
I see friends shakin' hands, sayin' "How do you do?" They're really sayin', "I love you."

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow. They'll learn much more than I'll ever know,  
and I think to myself, "What a wonderful world!" *{Repeat to bridge}*

TAG: Yes, I think to myself, "What a wonderful world!" <sup>5</sup>

**☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞**

**\*Benediction**

*Earth Day Exhibits*

Dotti Outland

**\*Sending Song**

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.*<sup>6</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Earth Day Exhibits: Dotti Outland



Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored by Russ Mullen

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of Ron Steen by Michael Cockey;
- In memory of Loved Ones by James & Jackie Travis.

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 recordings 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 Connor Camiolo

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Teri Moore, Lori Watson, Cole Murphy, Holly Ostendorf, Maubra Randolph, Joy Glass

## Worship Resources

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