

Worship Celebration: May 26, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Welcome to Epworth! What a blessing we have in our Church and in our vision to Explore Faith and Embrace Community. God has put our church here to be in ministry for everyone. But what makes all that possible are the gifts we return to God for all the BLESSINGS we've received in our lives. Today we talk about blessings, as we study Abraham and Sarah's call to be a Blessing to many nations. How will God use our gifts to do more at Epworth? How can we be a blessing to others? As we honor those who have served our

country faithfully this Memorial Day weekend, we realize another blessing in our lives. If we count them all up, the blessings overflow. You are a blessing, too and we're glad you chose 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

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days. {Repeat verse / refrain}*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth
sing unto the Ancient of Days. {Repeat Refrain}

TAG: O Ancient of Days. O Ancient of Days.¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

THANK YOU, LORD

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord*

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
You took my sin and my shame. You took my sickness and healed all my pain;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name. {Repeat Refrain 2X}²

Children's Celebration

Gwen Osborne & Mickie McManamon

✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

10,000 REASONS

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. {Refrain}

Old Testament Play

Genesis 12:1-9

Youth

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had

gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.

And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Epistle Lesson

II Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

10,000 REASONS (CONT)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *{Refrain}*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (*refrain 2x*)

(tag) *Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.*³

☞ We Engage the Word ☞

Sermon

The Blessing of Giving

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Response

YOU RAISE ME UP

Alicia Mickenberg, viola

When I am down, and oh, my soul's so weary.
When troubles come and my heart burdened be.
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
until you come and sit awhile with me.

*You raise me up so I can stand on mountains,
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on your shoulders.
You raise me up to more than I can be.*

There is no life, no life without its hunger.
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when you come and I am filled with wonder,
sometimes I think I glimpse eternity. {Chorus 3x}

TAG: You raise me up to more than I can be. ⁴

Joys & Concerns

Gwen

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

(During the Invitation to Offering, Vicky will introduce the video of Linda Kauffman, Finance Chair, Offertory starts immediately after the video finishes)

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:

For the Beauty of the Earth
Conrad Kocher; arr. Cathy Mocklebust

Memorial Bells

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞

*Benediction

Vicky

***Sending Song**

EVERYPRAISE

Ev'ry praise is to our God, ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.

Sing Hallelujah to our God. Glory Hallelujah is due our God.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. *(repeat 2X)*

God, my Savior. God, my healer. God, my deliverer.

Yes, He is. Yes, He is. *(repeat)*

Yes, He is. Yes, he is.

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. *(repeat)*

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise. ⁵

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of May are sponsored in loving memory of Robert Greenawalt's death 7 years ago, May 5, by his Wife and Family.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- in loving memory of Jane Wheatley from Micheal & Diana Robertson;
- in loving memory of her husband, Jim Mounts, by his wife, Marjorie.

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 Bianca Camiolo

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Jean Waters, Loretta Mahan, Jayne Tamburello, Sam Vyas, James Floyd, Annette Predeaux

Worship Resources

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Ministers: The Church Family... *Lay Leader*: Gwen Osborne

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