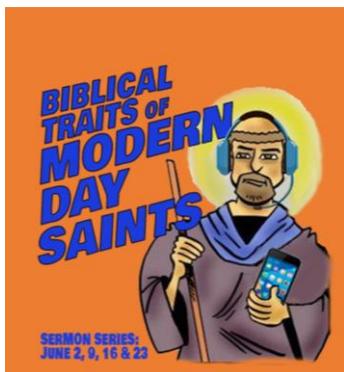


Worship Celebration: June 2, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

7th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Welcome to Epworth! During the month of June, we're talking about Modern Day Saints. Who are the people that we know now or people we've learned about in our history books who personify the biblical characteristics of sainthood? We're talking about biblical traits like mercy, hope, justice, prophecy, and faith. Today we look at the work of Bryan Stevenson, a local son of Delaware, who advocates for death row prisoners in Alabama. Using the story of Paul and Silas in prison, we'll dig deep to uncover all their God-given traits and understand how they inspire us to show God's mercy. As we gather around the Lord's Table today, we come as equals – children of God, called to be loving and merciful. We are glad you're here!

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☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

Praise Gathering

CHAIN BREAKER

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles,
if you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies,
if you're trying to fill the same old holes inside, there's a better life, there's a better life.

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker. If you feel lost, He's a way maker.

If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior. If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night.
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight.
And we've all run to things we know just ain't right.
And there's a better life, there's a better life. {Refrain}

If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify.
If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.
If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify. {Refrain}

TAG: *Oh, if you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior.*

If you've got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker.¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

WHEN WE PRAY

People hurting, people broken, beaten down and feeling hopeless,
wonder if it's gonna always be this way.

Who will speak up for the captive, show some love and heal a past that binds the wounds
we think will never go away. But-a what if we could be, a people on our knees,
as one before the King 'cause we believe?

All the world starts changin', when the church starts prayin', strongholds start to break, oh when we pray.

Prison walls start shaking, at the sounds of praisin',

nothing stays the same, oh. When we pray, oh, oh, when we pray, oh, oh.

I see revival rising, I see hope on the horizon, as a generation steppin' out in faith.

Because we will be, a people on our knees, as one before the King, yeah we believe. {Repeat Chorus}

Let Your kingdom come, Lord. Let Your will be done.

All the world starts changin', when the church starts prayin'.

Strongholds start to break, oh, when we pray. {Repeat Chorus}

TAG: *When we pray, oh, oh, when we pray, oh, oh. When we pray, oh, oh, when we pray.* ²

Children's Celebration

Aleta Thompson

✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

Joys and Concerns

Todd

Prayer of Confession

God of fire and storm, despite our pretense of self-assurance, we feel insignificant in your presence. We yearn to have the courage of Paul and Silas, who spoke your truth to power, even when it cost them their freedom. Somehow, fear always seems to hold us back. We long to fulfill Jesus' prayer that we may be one with you and each other. But our longing cannot overcome the divisions we cling to through our prejudices and our need to set ourselves apart. Forgive us, Holy One. Shake the heavens and awaken us from our dreams of separateness. For your light dawns on the righteous, and your joy comes to the upright in heart. Bless us with wisdom and truth, that we may be instruments of your grace and vehicles of your saving love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Light has dawned upon us through Christ, our bright morning star. Walk in the light and know the joy of forgiveness, through the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

☞ We Engage the Word ☞

*New Testament Lesson

Acts 16:16-34

Jim Holdridge

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."

She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe."

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

☞Thanks be to God

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE) (CONT)

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures (*refrain 2x*)³

Sermon

Modern-Day Saints: Bryan Stevenson

Rev. Vicky Starnes

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!

COME TO THE TABLE

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in.

This is where grace begins.

We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give. Oh, the shape that we were in.

And just when all hope seemed lost, love opened the door for us.

He said: "Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table."

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves;
there's no one unwelcome here.

And that sin and shame that you brought with you,

you can leave it at the door and let mercy draw you near.

So, "Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table, come to the table."

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,
to the pris'ner and the soldier, to the young and to the older,
all who hunger all who thirst, all the last and all the first,
all the paupers and the princes, all who fail, you've been forgiven,
all who dream and all who suffer, all who loved and lost another,
all the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead,
anyone who's been let down, all the lost, you have been found,
all who've been labeled right or wrong, to ev'ryone who hears this song:

"Come to the table. Come join the sinners; you have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free.

Sit down and be set free. Come to the table, come to the table.

*Sit down and be set free. Come to the table."*⁴

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

with sung responses as in FWS 2257b, c, d

The Lord be with you.

Vicky

§ And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

§ We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

§ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us
through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

§ Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

FWS 2257b

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

(Please be seated)

Todd

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

To preach good news to the poor,

To proclaim release to the captives

And recovering of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty those who are oppressed,

And to announce that the time had come

When you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,

in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

Vicky

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

§ Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. *FWS 2257c*
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, Todd
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

§ Amen. Amen. Amen. *FWS 2257d*
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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.

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

Music during Communion

HOW CAN IT BE?

I am guilty, ashamed of what I've done, what I've become.

These hands are dirty; I dare not lift them up to the Holy One.

You plead my cause, You right my wrongs, You break my chains, You overcome.

You gave Your life to give me mine. You say that I am free; how can it be? Yeah, how can it be?

I've been hiding, afraid I've let You down. Inside I doubt that You still love me,
but in Your eyes there's only grace now. {Repeat Refrain}

Though I fall, You can make me new. From this death I will rise with You.

Oh, the grace reaching out for me, yeah. How can it be? How can it be? {Refrain 2X}⁵

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. {Repeat section}
TAG: Jesus, there is no one like You. Jesus, there is no one like You. ⁶*

*Benediction

Vicky

*Sending Song

STAND IN YOUR LOVE

When darkness tries to roll over my bones, when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.
When brokenness and pain is all I know, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken.

*My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love.*

Shame no longer has a place to hide. I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken! {Refrain}

There's power that can break off every chain. There's power that can empty out a grave.
There's resurrection power that can save, there's power in Your name,
power in Your name. {Repeat section}

*My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love. My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love! Oh when, when I'm standing in Your love.*

*Oh, my fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love!*

Oh, oh, I'm standing in Your love. Oh, oh, standing on the rock. Oh, I'm standing, standing in Your love. ⁷

**Please stand as you are able.*

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Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

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