

Worship Celebration: June 23, 2019

9:15/11:15 a.m. (COMBINED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Music Sunday (Year C)



Today we bring our series on Modern-Day Saints to a close by celebrating the life and works of Fanny Crosby and our Music Ministry here at Epworth. Our scripture tells the story of Jesus restoring the sight of the blind beggar, the Pharisees reaction to Jesus healing on the Sabbath, and the ensuing debate about physical versus spiritual blindness. For Music Appreciation Sunday, our Director of Music Ministries, Doug Yetter, will lead our Chancel Choir, Praise Team, and Memorial Bell Choir as well as delivering the sermon. We will also welcome new members to our Epworth family! All are welcome at Epworth

and we thank you for worshipping 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

RAISE A HALLELUJAH

Praise Team

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.

I raise a hallelujah; our weapon is a melody.

I raise a hallelujah; heaven comes to fight for me.

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm. Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.

Up from the ashes, hope will arise. Death is defeated, the King is alive!

I raise a hallelujah with ev'rything inside of me.

I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.

I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me. {Chorus}

Sing a little louder. (Sing a little louder.) – Repeat 2x

Let's sing a little louder. (Let's sing a little louder.)

Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder. My weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder. Heaven comes to fight for me.
[Repeat section / then Chorus 2x / Repeat 1st verse]¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship - *(from Taught By Love by Lavon Bayler)*

L: God summons us to wake up and see.

Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

P: Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness.

We seek to live as children of light.

L: God sees beyond our outward appearance.

God knows the intent of our hearts.

P: We are here to find out what is pleasing to God.

We want to know what is right and true.

L: God listens to all who worship sincerely.

Praise God with openness and obedience.

P: We seek to know and follow God's will.

This is a day to do the works of God.

*Hymn of Praise

All the Music Sung and Played Here

1. All the music sung and played here is a gift, O God, from you.

For as long as we have prayed here, we've been blessed by music, too.

By your Spirit, each musician finds new depths of faith to share.

Music is a gift you've given and becomes our thankful prayer.

2. You give hymns and songs for singing, toes for tapping your good news,
organ sounding, hand bells ringing, faithful hearers in the pews.

With the trumpet and the cymbal, with guitar and violin,

faith is found here and rekindled hearts are lifted, once again.

3. Bless the talents we are bringing, for we offer you our best.

If our gifts are not in singing, may our joyful noise be blessed.

If our world is ever silent, may we sign to you above.

Touched by grace, may each one present offer back your song of love.

Children's Celebration

David Bendekovits & Sandy Davis

☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☛

Reflection

Be Thou My Vision
Alicia Mickenberg, viola

Memorial Bell Choir

☞ We Engage the Word ☛

*Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-25

Rev. Todd Shultz

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).

Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him."

He kept saying, "I am the man."

But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'

Then I went and washed and received my sight."

They said to him, "Where is he?"

He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight.

He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes.

Then I washed, and now I see."

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath."

But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?"

And they were divided.

So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him?"

It was your eyes he opened."

He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind?"

How then does he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes.

Ask him; he is of age.

He will speak for himself."

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed

that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."
So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God!
We know that this man is a sinner."
He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

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

§Thanks be to God

Anthem	<i>Amazing Grace with Variations</i> Arr. by Doug Yetter	Chancel Choir
Message	<i>But Now I See</i>	Doug Yetter

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Response	<i>COUNTING EVERY BLESSING</i>	Praise Team
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I was blind, now I'm seeing in color. I was dead, now I'm living forever.
I had failed, but You were my Redeemer. I've been blessed beyond all measure.
I was lost, now I'm found by the Father. I've been changed from a ruin to treasure.
I've been given a hope and a future. I've been blessed beyond all measure.

*I am counting ev'ry blessing, counting ev'ry blessing, letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing, counting ev'ry blessing. Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.
Oh, You are good to me, Oh, You are good to me.*

You were there in the valley of shadows. You were there in the depths of my sorrows.
You're my strength, my hope for tomorrow. I've been blessed beyond all measure. {CHORUS}

Surely Your goodness pursues me. Surely Your heart is still for me.
I will remember Your mercies all my days.
Through ev'ry storm and gale, {1st two lines of CHORUS – 2x; last line 2x} 2

☞ 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 these persons today for membership:

Vicky

Gwen

New Members:

At the 7:45 a.m. service: Perry & Carol Psaros
At the 9:15 a.m. service: Steff & Stacy Kotch-Jester
Rosemarie Schmidt
At the 11:15 a.m. service Mary Hall

To the new members

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask: Todd

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

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? Vicky
\$ I do.

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 these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that
they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We
will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to
life.

Let us stand and join together in professing the Christian faith by reciting the Apostles' Creed:
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; Todd
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 these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them 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 Inclusive Welcome**

Gather Us In

FWS 2236

1. Here in this place a new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
*Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

Joys & Concerns

Vicky

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

§ 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.

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!*

Offertory

Fantasy on Kingsfold ... arr. by H. Dean Wagner

Memorial Bell Choir

***Acclamation**

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done.*

Celebrating Rev. Vicky's 30th Year of Ministry

Susan J.

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

*Benediction & Three-Fold Amen

Doug

*Sending Song

WHAT A FRIEND

Praise! Team/Chancel Choir

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

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. ³

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of June are sponsored in honor of their 17th wedding anniversary by John Hilt & Linda BenderHilt.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Ewing, and her aunt, Mary Cannon, by Emmalane;
- In honor of the wedding anniversary of Sue & Chet Sprague by Barbara Kurtz.

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.

Greeter Andy Brangenberg

Acolyte 9:15:

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:15: Teri Moore, Sam Sonnett, Carol Pophan, Joy Glass, Karen Smail, Kevin Reagan

11:15: Russ Mullen, Chet Sprague, Harvey Waltersdorf, Jim Larsen

Worship Resources

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