



Welcome to Epworth! Today we hear the story of Elijah passing the mantle of leadership to Elisha. What does it look like to share leadership? To accept leadership? To follow God's lead? Life at work, in the church, even in our homes, involves times of taking the lead and times of sharing the load. As people of God, we are blessed to be called to lead and share leadership with others in the church of Jesus Christ. Today Elijah and Elisha are our role models. We are blessed today

to celebrate the leadership and ministry of the United Methodist Women (UMW). Their ministry to women and children all over the world is a sign of commitment and witness to God. We are blessed by your presence today - all are welcome here at Epworth, as we explore faith and embrace community.

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community

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

☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

PATRIOTIC SING-ALONG

My Country 'Tis of Thee

UMH 697

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
 Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride.
 From ev'ry mountainside, let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
 Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

America the Beautiful

UMH 696

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.
 For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

UMH 717

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make us holy, let us die so we are free!
Our God is marching on! {REFRAIN}

God Bless America...Irving Berlin

God bless America! Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America! My home sweet home!
God bless America! My home sweet home!

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Singing in Praise**

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)*¹

Children's Celebration

Wendy Herman

☯ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☯

DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord. *{Refrain}*

(Bridge) There's no God like Jehovah. (repeat 14x) (refrain 2x)

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.²

☯ We Engage the Word ☯

Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Kathy Pippin

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.
Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as

they both were standing by the Jordan.
Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.
When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."
He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."
As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.
Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.
He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.
He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

§Thanks be to God

Sermon

Passing the Baton

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Response

OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail;
And there I find You in the myst'ry, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace, for I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters; Your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and You won't start now.

{Refrain}

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior (*repeat 2x*)

I will call upon Your Name.

Keep my eyes above the waves.

My soul will rest in Your embrace.

*I am Yours, and You are mine.*³

UMW Moment –

Jo Pokorny

PPT Slide

UMW members (pastor invites them to stand and read the purpose on the screen):

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God, and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Joys & Concerns & Prayer

Todd

The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

FWS 2248

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!

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. ⁴

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

Leadership Recognition

Vicky

***Benediction**

Vicky

***Sending Song**

SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT

UMH 703

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home?

A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. {Refrain}

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down, and sometimes I feel alone.

but I know my soul feels heavenly bound, one day Jesus gonna carry me home. {Refrain}

Well, if you get there before I do, just make yourself at home;

but tell all my friends I'm coming too, and tell 'em it won't be long. {Refrain}

TAG: Comin' for to carry me home. Comin' for to carry me home.

**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 honor of their 40th anniversary on June 24 by Bob & Janet Joynson;
- In memory of Suzanne Shaffer by Carol Ann & Richard Reed.

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 Kayden Holt

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Stu & Linda Bruce, Lori Watson, Cole Murphy, Nancy Almay, Maubra Randolph

Worship Resources

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