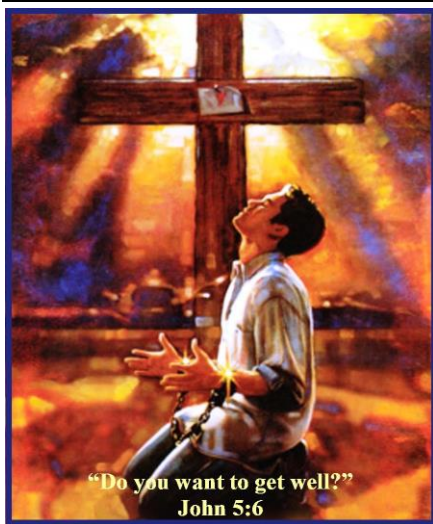


Worship Celebration: July 28, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)



During the month of July our sermon messages will be based on “Every Day Miracles” that members of our congregation have experienced in their lives. These were times of divine presence, healing, and deliverance from tragedy that were part of everyday life. We are called by our faith to remember that God is always with us and to trust that there is a shield of protection that often results in miracles. As we explore these three areas we will look at Biblical miracles in the Old and New Testaments. Today we will focus on two Gospel stories of Jesus’ healing the sick. Why did Jesus decide to heal these two in this way and in the time that he chose? We will explore these questions in the context of our experiences of healing in our lives today. Join us as we hear that God is still with us today in those same ways.

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☪ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☪

Praise Gathering

OUR GOD

1. Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.  
There's no one like You, none like You.
2. Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.  
There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.*

*Our God is healer, awesome in power our God, our God. (verse 2, refrain 2X - instrumental)*

(Bridge) And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?  
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?  
Then what could stand against? (refrain 2X) (bridge)

(Tag) What could stand against?<sup>1</sup>

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

### \*Singing in Praise

#### THE GOSPEL

A restless generation, we're turning over ev'ry stone,  
hoping to find salvation in a world that's left us cold.  
Can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?  
There's only one way to the Father, and He's calling out to us.

*To the captive it looks like freedom, to the orphan it feels like home.  
To the skeptic it might sound crazy to believe in a God who loves.  
In a world where our hearts are breaking, and we're lost in the mess we've made,  
like a blinding light in the dead of night, it's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.  
It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

It's the cure for our condition, it's the Good News for us all.  
It's greater than religion, it's the power of the cross.  
So, can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?  
There's only one way to the Father, and He's calling out to us. {Chorus}  
*It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

In my own life it means forgiveness when I know I deserve the fall.  
It called me out of my darkness and carried me to the cross.  
In a moment my eyes were opened, in that moment my heart was changed.  
Like a blinding light in the dead of night, it's the Gospel. {Chorus}

TAG: *It's the Gospel that makes a way. Oh, oh, it's the Gospel that makes a way.  
It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.* <sup>2</sup>

### Children's Celebration

Mickie and Bianca

#### 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.* <sup>3</sup>

☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☞

\*Gospel Lesson

John 4:46-5:9

David Garrett

Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine.  
Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum.  
When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.  
Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.”  
The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my little boy dies.”  
Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.”  
The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way.  
As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive.  
So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, “Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.”  
The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.”  
So he himself believed, along with his whole household.  
Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.  
After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes.  
In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.  
One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.  
When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him,  
“Do you want to be made well?”  
The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.”  
Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.”  
At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.  
Now that day was a Sabbath.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

☞Thanks be to God

Sermon

*Every Day Miracles Of Healing*

Rev. Todd Shultz

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

**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!*

WHAT FAITH CAN DO

Ev'rybody falls sometimes, gotta find the strength to rise from the ashes  
and make a new beginning.

Anyone can feel the ache, you think it's more than you can take but you're stronger,  
stronger than you know.  
Don't you give up now. The sun will soon be shining.  
You gotta face the clouds to find the silver lining.

*I've seen dreams that move the mountains.  
Hope that doesn't ever end even when the sky is falling.  
I've seen miracles just happen, silent prayers get answered,  
Broken hearts become brand new.  
That's what faith can do.*

It doesn't matter what you've heard, impossible is not a word.  
It's just a reason for someone not to try.  
Ev'rybody's scared to death  
When they decide to take that step out on the water  
But it'll be all right.  
Life is so much more than what your eyes are seeing.  
You will find your way if you keep believing. {Refrain}

Overcome the odds, you don't have a chance.  
But when the world says you can't, it'll tell you that you can. {Refrain}

*(tag) That's what faith can do.  
Even if you fall sometime, you will have the strength to rise.<sup>4</sup>*

## Sharing Joys & Concerns

Vicky

### 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.

*(Move into time of healing now)*

### A Time of Healing - Thanksgiving over the Oil

Vicky

The Lord be with you.  
§ And also with you.

Almighty God,

We pray that our brothers and sisters  
May be comforted in their suffering and made whole.  
When they are afraid, give them courage;  
when they feel weak, grant them your strength;  
when they are afflicted, afford them patience;  
when they are lost, offer them hope;

when they are alone, move us to their side;  
when death comes, open your arms to receive them.  
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### **Anointing and Healing Prayers**

*All are invited to come forward for anointing and healing prayers at the chancel rail.  
If you would like spoken prayer, simply ask the Stephen Minister to pray with you.*

### **Music during Healing**

#### *WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME*

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,  
the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. (Instrumental)*

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,  
for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,  
the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.  
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

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What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus. <sup>5</sup>*

IT IS WELL

When peace, like a river, attends me on my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, You have taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! {Refrain}

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. {Refrain} <sup>6</sup>

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

\*Benediction & Announcement

Vicky

\*Sending Song

EVERY PRAISE

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. <sup>7</sup>

\*Please stand as you are able.



Bulletins for the month of July are sponsored by Fred & Sharyn Smith in honor of Loved Ones.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- Giving us a beautiful summer by Bev Johnson;
- Honoring WINGS and United Methodist women by Kathy Pippin;
- In celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sheldon & Mark Gruber-Lebowitz.

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, 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

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