

Worship Celebration: August 4, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)



We welcome you to Epworth today! The theme for our next few weeks is JOURNEY. Today we'll look at the journey our church is currently experiencing, using the story from the Hebrew Scriptures of Moses leading the people through the wilderness. Next week Rev. Vicky will share some of her journey of faith, especially as it relates to our denominational journey. Always we can learn from what God's people experienced in the past and better respond as God would have us today. As we gather at the table of Holy Communion today, may we find healing and peace from all that keeps us from living God's purpose in our lives. We're glad you're here this day!

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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

TRUST IN YOU

Letting go of ev'ry single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.
 Ev'ry moment of my wandering never changes what You see.
 I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need Your rest.
 Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,
 When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
 When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You, I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.*

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings; there's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.
 So, in all things be my life and breath. I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less. {Chorus}

Bridge: I will trust in you.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand.
 You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.
 Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.
 There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood. {Chorus}

TAG: I will trust in You. I will trust in You. I will trust in You. ¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Bob

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

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 when you don't have a chance (That's what faith can do)
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.²*

Children's Celebration

Meg Shultz

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

Joys and Concerns

Bob Paulen

Prayer of Confession

Bob

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Bob

God has invited all of us to strip off our old selves to accept renewal in the image of our Creator. Right here, right now, in the warmth of God's love, our greed is melting away, our anger is finding constructive release, our despair is giving way to hope. God delivers us from the folly of self-preoccupation to joyous involvement in our Creator's "wonderful works to humankind."

DESERT SONG

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry.
This is my prayer in my hunger and need. My God is the God who provides.
This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness, or trial or pain.
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold. So refine me, Lord, through the flame.

*I will bring praise. I will bring praise. No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice. I will declare, God is my victory, and He is here.*

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way.
I am a conqueror and coheir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand. {Refrain}

All of my life, in ev'ry season, You are still God.
I have a reason to sing. I have a reason to worship. (Repeat 3X – Refrain)

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow.
I know I'm filled to be emptied again. The seed I've received I will sow. ³

☞ We Engage the Word ☛

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Numbers 20:1-13

Marti Garrett

The Israelites, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh.

Miriam died there, and was buried there.

Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and against Aaron.

The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Would that we had died when our kindred died before the LORD!

Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness for us and our livestock to die here?

Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to bring us to this wretched place?

It is no place for grain, or figs, or vines, or pomegranates; and there is no water to drink."

Then Moses and Aaron went away from the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting; they fell on their faces, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aaron, and command the rock before their eyes to yield its water.

Thus you shall bring water out of the rock for them; thus you shall provide drink for the congregation and their livestock.

So Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he had commanded him.

Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them,
“Listen, you rebels, shall we bring water for you out of this rock?”

Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff; water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their livestock drank.

But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me, to show my holiness before the eyes of the Israelites, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.”

These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and by which he showed his holiness.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Moses Journey with God's People

Rev. Todd Shultz

Invitation to Offering ~ Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.

Todd

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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!*

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

(pre-chorus) So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me. (2X)

Great is Your love and justice, God, You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
and all Your people sing along. *(pre-chorus)(refrain 2x)(prechorus)*

*(refrain 2) Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough. Heaven reaching down to us. Your grace is enough for me.
God, I see Your grace is enough. I'm covered in your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me. ⁴*

✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠

***The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

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

The Lord be with you.

§ 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,

Todd

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
In the beginning, when darkness covered the face of the earth
and nothing existed but chaos,
your Spirit swept across the waters.
You spoke but a word, and light was separated from darkness.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

S 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)

Bob Paulen

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
who lived among us and knew human pain and suffering;
who called all who were burdened and heavy laden and gave them rest;
who healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners;
who cast out demons and showed us the way to you through faith;
who took our suffering upon himself,
that we might be cleansed of our sins and receive eternal life.

Bob Paulen

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.

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

Todd

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, **Bob**
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 the same Spirit heal us in body, mind, and spirit,
cleansing away all that would separate us from you.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in 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 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.

Sharing Bread and Cup/Announce Offering & LRAC Boxes **Todd**

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

Music during Communion *THE WONDERFUL CROSS* Terry Rasberry, guitar

*Benediction **Todd**

*Sending Song *FRIEND OF GOD*

Who am I that You are mindful of me, that You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me? How You love me, it's amazing.

wI am a friend of God, I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, He calls me friend.

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God.

I am a friend of God, He calls me friend. (repeat verse)

Who am I that You are mindful of me, that You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me? How You love me, it's amazing. *(refrain 1)*

God almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

God almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

God almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me friend.

*(refrain 2) I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend.
I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,
I am a friend of God, You call me friend. (repeat) ⁵*

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of August are sponsored by Russ Mullen.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

✠ In memory of Charles Conroy by Roy Anderson;

✠ In honor of and praise to all the ministries at Epworth from Bill Robbins.

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 Chase Reynolds

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Tom & Irene Safrit, Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Ruth Ann Curley, Sam Sonnett

Worship Resources

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