

Worship Celebration: August 18, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)



We are glad that you are worshiping with us this week! The Christian tradition has always produced troublemakers who transformed our ideas and ways of being. At times we have to be intentional about raising the next generation of troublemakers. This week we are blessed to have Reverend Doctor F. Douglas Powe, Jr. from Wesley Theological Seminary as our guest preacher. He is the current Director of the Lewis Center of Learning at Wesley Seminary. We welcome this wonderful professor who has blessed many seminarians with his knowledge and wit.

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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

BEAUTIFUL ONE

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love.

Your cross has spoken mercy over me

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know

how glorious, how beautiful You are!

Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore.

Beautiful One my soul must sing.

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies,

Your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing:

How marvelous, how wonderful You are! *(Refrain 2X)*

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,

You captured my heart with this love;

'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You. *(repeat) {Refrain}*

My soul, my soul must sing. my soul, my soul must sing.

My soul, my soul must sing. Beautiful One. *(repeat) (Refrain 2x)¹*

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

RAISE A HALLELUJAH

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} 2

Children's Celebration

Rev. Vicky Starnes

✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

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. ³*

☞ We Engage the Word ☛

New Testament Lesson

Acts 16:16-20

Thomas Blair

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

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

§Thanks be to God

Sermon

Troublemakers

Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr.

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

Song of Response

BLEED THE SAME

*We all bleed the same. We're more beautiful when we come together.
We all bleed the same. So tell me why, tell me why we're divided.*

Woke up today; another headline, another innocent life is taken in the name of hatred.
So hard to take, and if we think that it's all good, then we're mistaken,
'cause my heart is breaking.
Are you left? Are you right? Pointing fingers, taking sides.
When are we gonna realize {Refrain}

(Bridge) If we're gonna fight, let's fight for each other.
If we're gonna shout, let love be the cry.
We all bleed the same. (*Last time to TAG)
So tell me why, tell me why we're divided.

Tell me, who are we to judge someone by the kind of clothes they're wearing
or the color of their skin?
Are you black? Are you white? Aren't we all the same inside?
Father, open our eyes to see {Refrain - Bridge}

Only love can drive out all the darkness. What are we fighting for?
We were made to carry one another; We were made for more. (Repeat) {Refrain} (Bridge)

*TAG: Let's stand united, let's stand united. ⁴

Joys & Concerns

Vicky

The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

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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!*

COUNTING EVERY BLESSING

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} ⁵

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

*Benediction

Dr. Powe

*Sending Song

THE RIVER

I know a place, where we can go, to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,
I know a place, where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray, ay, ay.

Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river. You will leave changed.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river. Never the same.

I've seen it move, in my own life, took me from dusty roads into paradise.
All of my dirt, all of my shame, drowned in the streams that've made me born again.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh. {Chorus}

TAG 1: *Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)

Let's go down. {Chorus}

TAG 2: *Oh, down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.

Down, down, down to the river.

*Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.*⁶

**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 celebration of the 24th anniversary of Ken Mahan & Glen Pruitt;
- In loving memory of David's parents, Melvin & Marilyn Streit, by Scott Button & David Streit.

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 Jiyanna Holt

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Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Duncan & Weezie Leet, Beth Rinker, Ruth Ann Barnes, Larry Zeigler, David Pioli

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