

Worship Celebration: October 6, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

World Communion Sunday (Year C)



Welcome to Epworth on this World Communion Sunday! We gather with churches across the world to share the holy meal Jesus gave us. Today we begin a sermon series called “Unraveled.” For the next two months we’ll look at bible stories that speak of lives unraveling. This series was put together by a group of Christian Artists and we will share each week the painting that reflects that week’s biblical story. Hannah Garrity drew this understanding of The Woman at the Well and leaves with us these questions for Jesus, when he asks her for water. “Are you asking me?” “Are you sure you meant to do that?” “Are you sure that I measure up?” Today’s sermon will look at how the woman’s life had unraveled and how Jesus helped her find healing from her shame We hope you will join us each Sunday for this timely series. We are blessed by your presence as we gather at Christ’s table!

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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**

*NOBODY FILLS MY HEART LIKE JESUS*

I'd like to say, Lord, from the start. Thank You for breaking through my heart.  
Thank You for tearing ev'ry chain apart. When I was lost You made a way,  
You turned the darkest night to day. You are my joy and Lord, I'd like to say that

*Nobody fills my heart like Jesus! Nobody thrills me like You do!*

*Nobody fills my heart like Jesus Nobody, Lord, but You! (repeat)*

*Nobody but You!*

When I am weak, my Lord, You're strong, loving me even when I'm wrong.  
Lord, You are my salvation and my song. Every day I'll make the choice  
Just listening, following Your voice. Being with You, I can't help but rejoice for *{Refrain}* <sup>1</sup>

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

\*Passing the Peace

## \*Singing in Praise

### 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. <sup>2</sup>*

## Children's Celebration

Rev. Vicky Starnes

### ✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

## Joys & Concerns

Todd

### Prayer of Confession (by Sarah Are)

Like the woman at the well, we so often are unraveled by shame. We carry shame for broken relationships. We carry shame for being unable to balance work and parenting, tithing and bills, productivity and Sabbath. We get stuck in a comparison game and in critical self-monologues, consumed with the nagging feeling that we should be able to do more. Forgive us for forgetting that we are made in your image. Forgive us for forgetting that you see us and love us as we are. Unravel the shame that unravels us. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

## Words of Assurance

Let not your hearts be troubled. Whoever believes in God will not be put to shame. If you truly believe, you will show care for others. When you care, you will join in doing the things Jesus did to help all the people God loves. You are chosen to proclaim the mighty acts of One who called you out of the shadows into God's marvelous light. Rejoice! You have received the mercy of God.

## 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.*

### ✻ We Engage the Word ✻

#### \*Gospel Lesson

John 4:1-19

Barbara Brittingham

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—he left Judea and started back to Galilee.

But he had to go through Samaria.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well.

It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep.

Where do you get that living water?

Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”

The woman answered him, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband.

What you have said is true!”

The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.  
You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.  
But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father  
in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.  
God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”  
The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ).  
“When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”  
Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”  
Just then his disciples came.  
They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you  
want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”  
Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city.  
She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!  
He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

*JESUS (CONT)*

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>

Sermon

*Unraveled: Woman at the Well*

Rev. Vicky Starnes

**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*

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*Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

*WHO YOU SAY I AM*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me! Oh, His love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me!

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

*In my Father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. (Section 2X)  
I am who You say I am. {Chorus}

*In my Father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. (Section 4X)  
Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am. {Chorus} <sup>4</sup>

## ✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠

### \*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

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

The Lord be with you.

Vicky

§ 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,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You have made from one every nation and people  
To live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

§ Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

*FWS 2257b*

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)*

Todd

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Todd

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.

He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth

and to make disciples of all nations,

and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

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."

Vicky

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,  
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.

Todd

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,  
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people  
to witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final 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

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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.

### Music during Communion

*FOR EVERYONE BORN*

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread;  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy---, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be.  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. {Repeat Refrain 2X}

TAG: *of justice, justice and joy!* (3X) <sup>5</sup>

#### WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich."  
Let the blind say, "I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me." {Repeat section}

*Hosanna! Hosanna! To the Lamb that was slain. Hosanna! Hosanna! Jesus died and rose again.*

Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away,  
from the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me.  
I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.  
I will sing salvation songs: Jesus Christ has set me free! {Chorus twice – first verse}. <sup>6</sup>

### ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

#### \*Benediction

Vicky

#### \*Sending Song

#### WHAT A FRIEND

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, cast 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 2x}

TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home. <sup>7</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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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.

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9:30: Tom & Irene Safrit, Bill & Kathy Shook, Ruth Ann Curley, Sam Sonnett

## Worship Resources

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