

Worship Celebration: October 13, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

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



Welcome to Epworth on this Laity Sunday, led by our Lay Leader, Gwen Osborne. Every October in the United Methodist Church we set aside a Sunday to celebrate the work of the Laity. We are glad you are here. Today our sermon series continues focusing on Bible characters whose lives are 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 "Sarah" joyfully nursing her newborn son, Isaac. However, the laughter that she shared before Isaac's birth was a cover to the pain and unraveling of her life. We hope you will join us each Sunday for this timely series. We are blessed by your presence.

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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

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH

*Let ev'rything that, ev'rything that, ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord.*

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Praise You in the mornin', praise You in the evenin',

Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old.

Praise You when I'm laughin', praise You when I'm grievin', praise You ev'ry season of the soul.

If we could see how much you're worth, Your pow'r, Your might, Your endless love,

Then surely we would never cease to praise. {Refrain}

Praise You in the heavens, joining with the angels, praising You forever and a day.

Praise You on the earth now, joining with creation, calling all the nations to Your praise.

If they could see how much You're worth, Your pow'r, Your might, Your endless love,

Then surely they would never cease to praise. (refrain 3X)<sup>1</sup>

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Rob Linder

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## \*Singing in Praise

### ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

1. Almighty God, my Redeemer, my hiding place, my safe refuge.  
No other name like Jesus, no power can stand against You.
2. My feet are planted on this rock, and I will not be shaken.  
My hope, it comes from You alone, my Lord and my salvation.

*Your praise is always on my lips. Your Word is living in my heart.  
And I will praise You with a new song, my soul will bless You, Lord.  
You fill my life with greater joy. Yes, I delight myself in You.  
And I will praise You with a new song, my soul will bless You, Lord. (verse 2, refrain)*

(Bridge) When I am weak You make me strong. When I'm poor I know I'm rich.  
For in the power of Your name all things are possible,  
all things are possible, all things are possible, all things are possible! (refrain, bridge)

Tag: All things are possible. (repeat 4x) <sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

Glenn Kohr

### ☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☛

#### THE RIVER IS HERE

Down the mountain the river flows and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.  
Through the valleys and over the fields the river is rushing and the river is here.

*The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, the river of God fills our hearts with cheer.  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, and we rejoice for the river is here.*

The river of God is teeming with life and all who touch it can be revived;  
And those who linger on this river's shore  
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

{Refrain}

Up to the mountain we love to go to find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run we dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.

{Refrain} We rejoice for the river is here. We rejoice for the river is here. <sup>3</sup>

## Hebrew Bible Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Susie Bond

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

He looked up and saw three men standing near him.

When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant."

So they said, “Do as you have said.”

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.”

Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?”

And he said, “There, in the tent.”

Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?”

The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’

Is anything too wonderful for the LORD?

At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.”

But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid.

He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised.

Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.”

And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children?

Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Brothers and Sisters,

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

✠Thanks be to God

Sermon

*Unraveled: Sarah*

Gwen Osborne

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

Joys & Concerns & Morning Prayer

Susan Jimenez

The Lord’s Prayer

*(sung responsively)*

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Linda Kauffman

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KING OF KINGS

In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light,  
'til from heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the word,  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. {Chorus}

And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath,  
'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. Oh... {Chorus}

TAG: Praise forever to the King of kings. <sup>4</sup>

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☞

\*Benediction

Gwen Osborne

\*Sending Song

OLD CHURCH CHOIR

There's a revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.  
A Sunday morning, hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.  
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.  
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it.  
There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

*I've got an old church choir singing in my soul. I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.*

When the valleys that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb,  
Oh, You are with me, You never leave me.  
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. {Refrain}

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (2X)

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I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
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*No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.  
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.<sup>5</sup>*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*





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- In memory of Howard & Sara White, their parents, and Ellen Elliot, their sister, from Barbara Brittingham, Kay Wheatley and Families;
- In memory of Orville Rowley by Jim McAlister.

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*

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Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Teri Moore, Carol Pophan, Nancy Bodner, Kim Scott, Mark & Ginny Harbold

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