

Worship Celebration: October 20, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

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



Welcome to Epworth! Today we continue to 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. Lisle Gwynn Garrity drew today's painting titled "Step into the Swell" inspired by today's gospel reading. Peter's step into the swell represents times in our lives when our sense of certainty and security unravels, our desperation is more likely to convert into courage. Is there something about unraveling that makes us a bit less risk-averse, a bit more willing to try what we wouldn't have dared when everything felt predictable and sure? We hope you will join us each Sunday for this timely series.

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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

MY LIGHTHOUSE

In my wrestling, and in my doubts, in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow You!*  
*Oh My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore,*  
*safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea. *Chorus}*

Bridge: Fire before us, You're the brightest.

You will lead us through the storms. *(Repeat 4X - Chorus)*<sup>1</sup>

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

### \*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 1<sup>st</sup> verse} 2

### Children's Celebration

Terre Walton

#### ✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

#### 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.*

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
 How long will you hide your face from me?  
 How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
 How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?  
 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!  
 Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.  
 But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**\*Gospel Lesson***Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.  
 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.  
 When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.  
 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.  
 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!"  
 And they cried out in fear.  
 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."  
 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."  
 He said, "Come."  
 So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.  
 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"  
 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"  
 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.  
 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**§Thanks be to God**

*WHAT FAITH CAN DO (CONT)*

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>3</sup>*

Sermon

*Step into the Swell*

Rev. Todd Shultz

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Response

*EYE OF THE STORM*

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet,  
Between the black skies and my red eyes, I can barely see.  
And when I'm feeling like I've been let down by my friends and my family,  
I can hear the rain reminding me:

*In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.*

*In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.*

*You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.*

*Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.*

When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I'm running out of faith,  
I see the future I picture slowly fade away.  
And when the tears of pain and heartache are pouring down my face,  
I can find my peace in Jesus' name. *(Refrain - Instrumental)*

When they let me go and I just don't know how I'm gonna make ends meet,  
I did my best; now I'm scared to death that we might lose ev'rything.  
And when a sickness takes my child away and there's nothing I can do,  
My only hope is to trust You.  
I trust You, Lord.

*In the eye of the storm, you remain in control.*

*In the middle of the war, you guard my soul.*

*You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.*

*Your love surrounds me... {Refrain} <sup>4</sup>*

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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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, {1<sup>st</sup> two lines of CHORUS – 2x; last line 2x} <sup>5</sup>

## ☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☛

### \*Benediction

Todd

### \*Sending Song

I AM

There's no space that His love can't reach. There's no place where we can't find peace.  
There's no end to amazing grace.  
Take me in with your arms spread wide. Take me in like an orphan child.  
Never let go, never leave my side.

*I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.  
In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am!*

Love like this, Oh my God to find! I am overwhelmed what a joy divine!  
Love like this sets our hearts on fire! (chorus 2x)

This is my resurrection song. This is my "Hallelujah, come!"  
This is why to You I run.  
This is my resurrection song. This is my "Hallelujah, come!"  
This is why to You I run.  
There's no space that His love can't reach. There's no place where we can't find peace.  
There's no end to Amazing Grace.

*I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.  
In the middle of the storm, I am holding on. (repeat 2X)*

(Tag) I am. I am. In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am! <sup>6</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*





Bulletins for the month of October are sponsored in loving memory of Bob Ewing and Bob Ewing, Jr. by Carol, Kathy & Julie.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mame's brother, Robert James Kiltz, by Mame & Matt Gilligan and Peyton Witsil.

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: Duncan & Weezie Leet, Beth Rinker, Ruth Ann Barnes, Barbara Brittingham, David Pioli

## Worship Resources

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