

Worship Celebration: October 27, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

20th 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. Today's painting inspired by the gospel reading depicts the people worshipping God in Jerusalem. Jerusalem was their home because God lived there. Their homes were in close proximity to God's temple. The Babylonian exile changed all that. Jeremiah told them to settle, build homes, and plant gardens in that foreign land. Does this mean God would be with them there? Where does God dwell? 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

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days. {Repeat verse / refrain}*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth
sing unto the Ancient of Days. {Repeat Refrain}

TAG: O Ancient of Days. O Ancient of Days.¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

CHILDREN OF GOD

Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Our God and our King; To Him we will sing.
In His great mercy He has given us life;
Now we can be called the children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us;
He has delivered us, He has delivered us!

*Children of God, sing your song and rejoice for the love that He has given us all.
Oh, children of God by the blood of His son, we have been redeemed,
and we can be called children of God, children of God.*

The mystery is revealed to the universe;
The Father above has proven His love.
Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve,
So we are called the children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us;
He has delivered us, He has delivered us! {Refrain}

Bridge: We are the saints, we are the children,
We've been redeemed, we've been forgiven;
We are the sons and daughters of our God. (Repeat 2x, Refrain)

Tag: *Children of God! Children of God. (Bridge 2x) ²*

Children's Celebration

Mickie McManamon

✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

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.*

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1-7

Cathy Benson

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah,

whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.
It said: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.

Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

SThanks be to God

TRUST IN YOU (CONT)

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. ³

Sermon

When Dreams Unravel

Rev. Todd Shultz

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

Song of Response

EVEN IF

Mike Tyler, soloist

They say sometimes you win some, sometimes you lose some,
and right now, right now I'm losing bad.

I've stood on this stage night after night, reminding the broken it'll be alright.

But right now, oh, right now, I just can't.

It's easy to sing when there's nothing to bring me down.

But what will I say when I'm held to the flame like I am right now?

CH 1: *I know You're able and I know You can save through the fire with Your mighty hand.*

But even if You don't, my hope is You alone.

They say it only takes a little faith to move a mountain.

Well, good thing a little faith is all I have right now.

But God, when You choose to leave mountains unmovable,

oh, give me the strength to be able to sing it is well with my soul.

CH 2: *I know You're able and I know You can save through the fire with Your mighty hand.*

But even if You don't, my hope is You alone.

*I know the sorrow and I know the hurt would all go away if You just say the word.
But even if You don't, my hope is You alone.*

You've been faithful, You've been good all of my days.
Jesus, I will cling to You, come what may.
'Cause I know You're able, I know You care. {Chorus 2}

TAG: I hope in You alone, ooh.

It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul. ⁴

☞ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ☞

Introduction

Vicky

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at Baptism
acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Lay Leader: I present these persons today for membership:

Gwen

New Members:

Linda Dux

Tama Viola

Ruth Arty

Sally Reed

To the new members

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:

Todd

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness

reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

§ I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice,
and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

§ I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,

Vicky

put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as our Lord,

in union with the Church which Christ has opened

to people of all ages, nations, and races?

§ I do.

According to the grace given to you,

Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church

and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

§ I will.

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

Todd

§ We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons
now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us stand and join together in professing the Christian faith by reciting the Apostles' Creed: Todd

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

To the new members

Gwen

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? § I will.

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your witness, your gifts, and your service? § I will.

*Commendation and Welcome *to the congregation*

Gwen, Todd, Vicky

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

§ We give thanks for all that God has already given you and welcome you in Christian love. As members with you in the body of Christ and in Epworth, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our witness, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

*A Song of Welcome *Welcome (Let's Walk Together)*

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace.

Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome, the love of God to share, 'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome to this place. ⁵

Joys & Concerns

Vicky

The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

FWS 2278

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

Todd

Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038
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!

BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND

Memorial Bell Choir

Arr. by Derek K. Hakes

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

*Benediction

Todd

*Sending Song

EVERY PRAISE

Ev'ry praise is to our God, ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.

Sing Hallelujah to our God. Glory Hallelujah is due our God.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. (repeat 2X)

God, my Savior. God, my healer. God, my deliverer.

Yes, He is. Yes, He is. (repeat)

Yes, He is. Yes, he is.

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. (repeat)

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise. ⁶

*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 and Julie.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of Connie Nagel by Miriam Barton, Bill Quinn and Brett Svensson;
- In loving memory of the birthday of Gladys Spillane by John, Keith and Children.

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 Bianca Camiolo

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Maureen Ewadinger, Larry Zeigler, Cathy McCallister, Karen

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Worship Resources

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