

Worship Celebration: November 17, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)



Welcome to Epworth as we continue our sermon series called “Unraveled,” where each week we’ll look at bible stories that speak of lives unraveling. Sometimes unraveling leads us to our deepest pain. Jesus dies, leaving Thomas and the rest of the disciples alone. Thomas isolates himself from the disciples, perhaps plunged into deep despair and grief. Yet, his despair unravels when he touches Jesus wounds and can finally see, and believe in, God’s presence after death. We are grateful for your presence this day.

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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)*¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicky

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit come invade us now.
We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.

*Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church; We are the hope on earth. (*refrain 2X*)²

Children's Celebration

Mickie McManamon

✪ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✪

WHEN IT'S ALL BEEN SAID AND DONE

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters;
Did I do my best to live for truth, did I live my life for You?

When it's all been said and done, all my treasures will mean nothing;
Only what I've done for love's reward, will stand the test of time.

Lord, your mercy is so great that You look beyond our weakness;
And find purest gold in miry clay, making sinners into saints.

I will always sing Your praise, here on earth and ever after;
For You've shown me heaven's my true home,
When it's all been said and done, You're my life when life is gone.

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters;
Did I do my best to live for truth, did I live my life for You?
Did I live my life for You? ³

***Gospel Lesson**

John 20:19-29

Youth Group

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

Sermon

When the Unimaginable Happens

Rev. Todd Shultz

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Song of Response

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.

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}

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:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; **Todd**

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 2248

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!

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} ⁶

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞

*Benediction

Todd

*Sending Song

GOD IS ON THE MOVE

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light;
anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight;
anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served, I know, I know, I know, I know:

*God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah! God is on the move in many mighty ways.
God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah! God is on the move, on the move today.*

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
or dares to speak the truth that sets us free;
anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word,
I know, I know, I know, I know: {Refrain}

I see a generation standing on the truth.
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul,
and someone says, "Send me. Here I go."
I know, I know, I know, I know: (refrain 2X; bridge) ⁷

*Please stand as you are able.

Bulletins for the month of November are sponsored in loving memory of their Family by John Hilt & Linda BenderHilt.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of their mother and nana, Verity Hannaway, by Michael, Lori, Verity and Sarah Watson and Patricia Hannaway;
- In honor and recognition of Rev. Vicky and Rev. Todd for pastor appreciation by Allen Helsel & Steven Ronson.

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: Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Jayne Tamburello, Cole Murphy, Nancy Bodner, Kim Scott

Worship Resources

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