

Worship Celebration: November 24, 2019

9:15 / 11:15 a.m. (COMBINED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*

Christ the King Sunday (Year C)



We welcome you to Epworth today! Our Unraveled Sermon Series comes to a close this day. We've studied so many biblical characters to see how God carried them through times of unraveling in their lives. Paul is the Bible character who speaks to us today. His life is one of complete change – a dramatic conversion that leaves the Christian community shocked and surprised. Today also marks the close of the Christian Year, as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday! Next Sunday Advent begins – join us always in worship to God. We are blessed by your presence with us.

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community

MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care

☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

GRACE AND THANKSGIVING ... Arr. Anna Laura Page

Memorial Bells

COME THANKFUL PEOPLE ... Arr. Tim Waugh

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship – (by Sarah Are)

L: God of mystery, you called Ananias by name, and he responded,

P: “Here I am.”

L: You called Paul to the work of your Church, and he responded

P: By giving his life to your Word.

L: Similarly, you call us into community and faith.

P: So we respond with love and time, energy and hope.

We respond with worship.

L: Let us worship the God of transformation and grace.

All: Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

We Gather Together

UMH 131

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
the Lord, was at our side, all glory be thine!
3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Collect

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Collect Response

Forever

Praise Team & Chancel Choir

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us. Forever
Forever.¹*

Singing in Praise

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

✠ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ✠

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-20

Mike Tyler (9:15)

Marjorie Mounts (11:15)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias.

The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias."

He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.

At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So Ananias went and entered the house.

He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE - CONT)

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace. (Repeat Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.

You are forever mine. ²

Sermon

Unraveled: Saul to Paul

Rev. Vicky Starnes

✻ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✻

Sermon Response

It Is Well with My Soul

UMH 377

1. When peace, like a river, attends me on my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! {Refrain}
4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith will be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trumpet will sound, and the Lord will descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. {Refrain}

Sharing Joys & Concerns (take MICS out)

Todd

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

FWS 2278

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Vicky

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Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!

Offertory

It Is Good

Chancel Choir

Words by Susan Bentall Boersma; Music by David Lantz III

✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠

***Benediction and Three-fold Amen**

Vicky

WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE LORD

When I think about the Lord, how He saved me, how He raised me,
how He filled me with the Holy Ghost, how He healed me to the uttermost;

When I think about the Lord, how He picked me up and turned me around,
how He placed my feet on solid ground. *(repeat)*

*It makes me wanna shout, "Hallelujah, Thank You, Jesus!";
Lord, You're worthy of all the glory and all the honor and all the praise;
(repeat) {Repeat from top - Repeat chorus}*

TAG: It makes me wanna shout! ³

* = Please stand as you are able; S = congregational response

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 parents, Barbara & Spencer Bruce and Dorothy & Robert Thayer, by Linda & Stu Bruce;
- In loving memory of Chuck Johnson by Bev and Family.

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.

Assisting with today's service as

Greeter: Andy Brangenberg
Acolyte: Autumn Reynolds
Sound: Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman, Sofia Tamburello
Ushers: Head Usher: Russ Mullen
Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:
9:15: Jean Waters, Loretta Mahan, Sam Sonnett, Joyce Pool, Lori Watson, Bunny Maher
11:15: Harvey Waltersdorf, Chet Sprague, Andy Brangenberg

Ministers: The Church Family... *Lay Leader:* Gwen Osborne

Senior Pastor: Rev. Vicky Starnes ... *Associate Pastor:* Rev. Todd Shultz

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