

Worship Celebration: January 12, 2020

10:00 a.m. (COMBINED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*

Baptism of the Lord (Year A)



Today, we continue our series, “We Are Epworth!” designed to explore our community identity as expressed through our Mission—Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, and Demonstrating Care. We gather around a well-known passage of Scripture in Ephesians 4, which describes how God fits the body to work together so that all may grow in unity and maturity in the Lord. Ephesians invites us to speak the truth in love and to become more and more like Jesus; to do our own special work as we help the other parts grow, so that we can all be healthy and full of love. We accomplish this at Epworth through our Finding Your Place ministries, which includes family ministries, small groups, age-level groups, and belongings. Through these relationships, we hope to care for each other, help each other grow, and discover our gifts to serve others both inside and outside the church as we become filled with love. You belong to us, so we invite you to come and grow through Finding Your Place!

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(302) 227-7743 ☩ www.eumcrb.org*VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community**MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care*

✠ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ✠

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 1st verse}¹

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Passing the Peace

*Call to Worship *by Thom Shuman*

L: Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you are called:
P: **We cannot do this alone,
we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.**
L: Lead a life worthy of your calling,
a life filled with service and meekness.
P: **We come to build up Christ's Body,
in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love.**
L: Lead a life which reflects your calling,
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

P: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;
we would share the grace offered to us.
L: Live a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called.
P: We gather as God's family
at the Table prepared for us,
waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

WHAT A FRIEND

Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations. (Ooh, ooh.)
Ev'rybody knows heart break, isolation. (Ooh, ooh.)
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus, east to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon, and forever and ever his heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry. (Ooh, ooh.)
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation. (Ooh, ooh.)
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down. {Chorus}

No more betrayal, for he is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for he is faithful, how He has proven it over and over.

No more betrayal, for he is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for he is faithful, for He has proven it over and over, over and over. {Chorus 2x}

TAG: Forever and ever his heart is my home. ²

Children's Celebration

Esther Downes

THE SERVANT SONG

We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony. ³

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)

Holly Reynolds

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

ST. TERESA'S PRAYER

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which He looks, compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body.

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which He looks, compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours. ⁴

Sharing Joys & Concerns and Morning Prayer

Todd

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.

Vicki

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!

YOU SAY

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough,
ev'ry single lie that tells me I will never measure up.
Am I more than just the sum of ev'ry high and ev'ry low?
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know. Oo, oh.

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing,
You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
You say I am held when I am falling short.
And, when I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours,
and I believe, oh, I believe, what You say of me. I believe.*

The only thing that matters now is ev'rything You think of me.
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity. Oo, oh. {Chorus}

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet.
You'll have ev'ry failure, God; You'll have ev'ry victory. Oo, oh. {Chorus}

TAG: *Oh, I believe Yes, I believe what You say of me. I believe.* ⁵

✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠

*Benediction

Rev. Vicki

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) ⁶

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

Bulletins for the month of January are sponsored by Epworth

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In honor of all the Immanuel Shelter volunteers who are helping with the homeless during this wintertime by David Szumski & James Carfagno;
- In memory of his mother, Renie Vitak, by Michael Cockey;

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

Greeters: Fay Henry
Acolyte: Kayden Holt
Sound: Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman, Sofia Tamburello, Tommy Vyas
Ushers: Head Usher: Russ Mullen
Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:
Jean Waters, Russ Mullen

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

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith ... Associate Pastor: Rev. Todd Shultz

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Preschool Director: Betsy Plowman ... Nursery: Cathy Crawford ... Interim Cemetery Superintendent: Jay Stevenson

Custodian: Wanda Hudson...Maintenance: Mike Harrigan



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