

Worship Celebration: January 26, 2020

10:00 a.m. (COMBINED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (Year A)

## DEMONSTRATING CARE

Today, we complete our sermon 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. Our focus today is demonstrating care as we are a ministering presence to all we come in contact with. Our Epworth family is so good in our Good Sam, Pastoral Care, Missions, and Caring ministries. But we are called to feel this calling to all we come in contact with and in all situations. Join us as we explore who God wants us to be when our care may not be initially welcome or when we are called to care for those who have trespassed against us. We also celebrate Epworth’s mission of Demonstrating Care, a reflection of this divine love.

### EPWORTH

a United Methodist Church

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*VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community*

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✠ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ✠

Gathering Music

Doug Yetter, organ

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Rev. Vicki

\*Passing the Peace

\*Call to Worship (*from Taught By Love by Lavon Bayler*)

- L: Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.  
Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.
- P: **Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken.  
Our losses seem greater than we can bear.**
- L: God is our light and our salvation.  
God is our stronghold; we need not fear.
- P: **Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.  
We come now, seeking God's face.**
- L: Come, behold the beauty of our God.  
Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.
- P: **We will sing and make melody to God.  
We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.**

\*Hymn of Faith

*Christ for the World We Sing (vs. 1-3)*

UMH 568

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;  
the wayward, and the lost, by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;  
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Children's Celebration

Marilyn Emanuel

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (v1)*

UMH 581

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

## Epistle Lesson

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

JoAnn Merrick

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

Has Christ been divided?

Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (v2-3)*

UMH 581

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.

As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

## \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 25:31-40*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?  
And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?  
And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these  
who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**SThanks be to God**

Anthem

*In This Very Room ... Ron & Carol Harris*

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Rev. Todd Shultz

**✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠**

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Whatever You Do*

W&S 3128

1. "Whatever you do to the least ones of these,  
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"  
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew  
that when we serve others, we also serve you.
2. When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,  
when those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,  
when thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?"  
we hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.
3. In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise:  
we see you in people whom others despise.  
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer  
and find, when we visit the sick, you are there.
4. When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands  
and offer our hearts there, and offer our hands,  
we notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace;  
we see in the crowds of the suffering your face.
5. "Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear  
that when we serve others, we're serving you here.  
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,  
then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

**Sharing Joys & Concerns and Morning Prayer**

**Rev. Vicki**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

FWS 2178

**Invitation to Offering**

*Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.*

**Rev. 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!*

Offertory:

*Pray For the People ...* Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

\*Acclamation

*O Church of God United (v4)*

UMH 547

TUNE: AURELIA

May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,  
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

**✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠**

\*Benediction

Rev. Todd

\*Sending Forth

*We Are Called*

FWS 2172

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!  
*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!*
2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!  
{Refrain}
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!  
{Refrain}

Postlude

Doug Yetter, organ

Please Stay for our Town Meeting following the service.

\* = *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 memory of Rose Barcellona by Sue Spencer;
- In loving memory of her parents, Allen & Mary Pippin, and in honor of her dear friend, Bill Nickerson, by Kathy Pippin.

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:**

**Acolyte:** Autumn Reynolds

**Sound:** Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman, Sofia Tamburello, Tommy Vyas

**Ushers:** Head Usher: Russ Mullen

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

Harvey Waltersdorf, Chet Sprague, Jim Larsen

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

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

*Director of Music Ministries:* Doug Yetter ... *Accompanist:* Linda Jo Hess ... *Coordinator of Caring Ministries:* Mickie McManamon

*Communications & Technologies Manager:* Kenneth Mahan ... *Office Manager:* Darlene Ford

*Special Projects:* Debbie Hunt ... *Interim Administrative Assistant:* Barbara Kurtz ... *Sound Tech:* Josh Megee ... *ASL Interpreter:* Sandy Davis

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

*Custodian:* Wanda Hudson...*Maintenance:* Mike Harrigan



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