

Worship Celebration: February 2, 2020

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany (Year A)

Today, we begin exploring the theme of being a good neighbor, through the series, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood, a television show which ran for 31 years, reached many young children with the message of acceptance, kindness, civility, empathy, and how to handle our feelings. Although he did not talk about the Bible, his themes come from Scripture. We begin with Mr. Rogers’ assurance that feelings are okay. Ephesians reminds us that it is okay to have feelings as long as we do not act on our feelings

alone. Being a good neighbor involves acknowledging both our feelings and the feelings of others. In this time of increasing polarization in our culture, we thought it a good time to review how to be a good neighbor.

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community

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

✠ ENTER GOD’S HOUSE WITH PRAISE ✠

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

Todd

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

ALL MY HOPE

I've been held by the Savior. I've felt fire from above.
I've been down to the river. I ain't the same; a prodigal returned.

*All my hope is in Jesus. Thank God that yesterday's gone.
All my sins are forgiven. and I've been washed by the blood.*

I'm no stranger to the prison. I've worn shackles and chains.
But I've been freed and forgiven. yes, I have. I'm not going back; I'll never be the same.
That's why I sing: {Chorus}

There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man, break him down to his knees.
God, I've been broken more than a time or two, yes, Lord.
Then He picked me up and showed me what it means to be a man.
Come on and sing: {Chorus 2X}²

Children's Celebration

Terre Walton

Joys & Concerns

Todd

Prayer of Confession

O Holy Spirit, how we have grieved you! How often our words have been bitter, filled with malice and anger. How easily have we uttered lies of pretension and self-protection. How readily we take for ourselves the rewards of another's labor! Forgive all that is false and evil within us and among us. Free us from the self-justifying excuses that keep us from reaching out to one another. We want to believe, to trust, to live as imitators of Jesus Christ. Help us, gracious God. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God redeems us from our iniquities. Forgiveness is ours to receive and to share. God gives us the opportunity to become members of one another, speaking truth with our neighbors, working honestly with our own hands, building each other up and sharing with the needy. The gift of grace we have received grows larger in our lives as we extend it to friends and strangers we meet.

☞ BE SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD ☞

THE WAY (NEW HORIZON)

Through every battle, through every heartbreak, through every circumstance,
I believe that You are my fortress. Oh, You are my portion. You are my hiding place,

*Oh, I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

I believe through every blessing, through every promise, through every breath I take,
I believe that You are provider. You are protector. You are the One I love.

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are.*

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-32

Terry Rasberry

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

THE WAY (CONT)

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.
All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,
because they can't stay long when I'm here with You.

(Bridge)

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.
All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,
because they can't stay long

when I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.

I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are. (Repeat Final Bridge / Final Chorus) ³

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

☞ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☛

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!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. (Instrumental)

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the name above all names.

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus. ⁴

***The Great Thanksgiving Prayer (SUNG)**

L: God be with you in the building of the body.
Lift your hearts up in the outpouring of love.
It is right to give our thanks and praise forever.
God is with us as Creator, Spirit, Christ.

P: God is with us as Creator, Spirit, Christ.

L: On the night when Jesus gave his life for many,
in the breaking of the bread, thanking our God,
Jesus gave bread to his people, "Eat, remember.
This is no longer just bread, this is my life."

P: "This is no longer just bread, this is my life."

L: Then he took the common cup, poured out for many,
in the covenant of grace, thanking our God,
Jesus gave wine in forgiveness, "Drink, remember.
This is no longer just wine this is my love."

P: "This is no longer just wine this is my love."

L: Spirit bless us all who gather at your table.
Spirit bless these simple gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the very life of Jesus.
So that we can be his life-love in the world.

P: So that we can be his life-love in the world.

L: Make us one now with each other and with Jesus.
Make us one in love and service to the world.
Make us one as sign and living of your kingdom
'till the day when all Creation is restored.

P: 'Till the day when all Creation is restored.

The Lord's Prayer

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§ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Music during Communion

O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within, overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?

Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well?

Jesus is calling.

*O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling. (CHORUS 2X)

O what a Savior. Isn't He wonderful?
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all.
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" (Repeat section – CHORUS 3X)

TAG: Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.
Tell the world of the treasure you found. ⁵

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

☞ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ☛

*Benediction

Vicki

*Sending Song

SOUL ON FIRE

*God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, {*last time to TAG}
till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat}*

Lord, restore the joy I had I have a-wandered bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! {Repeat Chorus}

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.

And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again! {Repeat Chorus}

TAG: *God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire,
till I am a soul on fire, till I am a soul on fire.*⁷

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of February are sponsored in memory of Bobbie Trlica by Tom.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Orville Rowley by Jim McAlister.

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.

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Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

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9:30: Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Dale & Sndy Biller, Sam Sonnett, Coles Marsh

Worship Resources

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