

Worship Celebration: February 9, 2020

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

5th Sunday after Epiphany (Year A)



Welcome to Epworth! We continue this week with our Sermon Series “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”. Our focus this week is on carefully looking and listening so that we clearly understand others. The Bible is filled with stories that cannot be completely understood by the words alone. We are taught to understand the setting of the story, what happened before and after, who are the characters, and what the culture was. All of these things help us to understand and then apply the meaning to our

lives. Come join us as we look at some of the stories in the New Testament to explain this. We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today and hope you find our faith community welcoming.

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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

BEAUTIFUL ONE

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love.
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know
how glorious, how beautiful You are!

Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore.

Beautiful One my soul must sing.

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies,
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing:
How marvelous, how wonderful You are! (Refrain 2X)

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love;
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You. *(repeat) {Refrain}*

My soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing. Beautiful One. *(repeat) (Refrain 2x)¹*

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicki

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

NOBODY FILLS MY HEART LIKE JESUS

I'd like to say, Lord, from the start
Thank You for breaking through my heart.
Thank You for tearing ev'ry chain apart.
When I was lost You made a way,
You turned the darkest night to day.
You are my joy and Lord, I'd like to say that

*Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!
Nobody thrills me like You do!
Nobody fills my heart like Jesus
Nobody, Lord, but You! (repeat)
Nobody but You!*

When I am weak, my Lord, You're strong,
Loving me even when I'm wrong.
Lord, You are my salvation and my song.
Every day I'll make the choice
Just listening, following Your voice.
Being with You, I can't help but rejoice for *{Refrain}* ²

Children's Celebration

Gwen Osborne

☞ BE SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD ☛

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 Twice}

TAG: Forever and ever his heart is my home. ³

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

Marilyn Smith

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags

of silver.

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance.

But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Todd Shultz

☞ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☛

Song of Response

WHAT FAITH CAN DO

Ev'rybody falls sometimes, gotta find the strength to rise from the ashes
and make a new beginning.

Anyone can feel the ache, you think it's more than you can take but you're stronger,
stronger than you know.

Don't you give up now. The sun will soon be shining.
You gotta face the clouds to find the silver lining.

I've seen dreams that move the mountains.

Hope that doesn't ever end even when the sky is falling.

I've seen miracles just happen, silent prayers get answered,

Broken hearts become brand new. That's what faith can do.

It doesn't matter what you've heard, impossible is not a word.

It's just a reason for someone not to try.

Ev'rybody's scared to death when they decide to take that step out on the water;
but it'll be all right.

Life is so much more than what your eyes are seeing.

You will find your way if you keep believing. {Refrain}

Overcome the odds, you don't have a chance.

But when the world says you can't, it'll tell you that you can. {Refrain}

(tag) That's what faith can do.

Even if you fall sometime, you will have the strength to rise.⁴

Joys & Concerns

Vicki

Morning Prayer

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.

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:

AMEN (BECAUSE HE LIVES)

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One.

I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

Amen! Amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen! Let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives.

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame.

I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away. {Refrain}

(Because He lives) I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone.

I know He holds my life, my future in His hands. {Refrain}

TAG: Because He lives. ⁵

☞ Share God's Grace with the World ☞

***Benediction**

Todd

***Sending Song**

EVERY PRAISE

Ev'ry praise is to our God, ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.

Sing Hallelujah to our God. Glory Hallelujah is due our God.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. *(repeat 2X)*

God, my Savior. God, my healer. God, my deliverer.

Yes, He is. Yes, He is. *(repeat)*

Yes, He is. Yes, he is.

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. *(repeat)*

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise. ⁶

**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 her parents, James & Virginia Brainard, by Joyce Pool.

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 Caiden Juliano

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Bob & Marilyn Smith, Carol Pophan, Maureen Ewadinger, Mark & Ginny Harbold

Worship Resources

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