

Worship Celebration: February 16, 2020

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

6th Sunday after Epiphany (Year A)

Welcome to Epworth, neighbor! We continue our series “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” based on Mr. Rogers’ television series and the recent movie. This week, we examine gratitude and acceptance or contentment. Mr. Rogers knew that we are not perfect. In fact, he often demonstrated his own limitations on television. But, he also knew that God loves us in spite of our imperfections and that, as human beings, we have value and worth just because we are human. Through his constant reminders that we are

special, Mr. Rogers reinforced acceptance of who we are and gratitude for our circumstances. We read in the second letter to the church at Corinth where Paul experienced the same knowledge of his limitations and contentment with the grace which God offers. If you struggle with feeling worthy of God’s love and accepted just as you are, you have good company in Paul. Let’s explore our faith together and embrace the neighborhood of our community.

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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

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

1. Almighty God, my Redeemer, my hiding place, my safe refuge.
No other name like Jesus, no power can stand against You.
2. My feet are planted on this rock, and I will not be shaken.
My hope, it comes from You alone, my Lord and my salvation.

Your praise is always on my lips. Your Word is living in my heart.

And I will praise You with a new song, my soul will bless You, Lord.

You fill my life with greater joy. Yes, I delight myself in You.

And I will praise You with a new song, my soul will bless You, Lord. (verse 2, refrain)

(Bridge) When I am weak You make me strong. When I'm poor I know I'm rich.
For in the power of Your name all things are possible,
all things are possible, all things are possible, all things are possible! (refrain, bridge)

Tag: All things are possible. (repeat 4x) ¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

*Passing the Peace

*Singing in Praise

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings. {Refrain}

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (3X)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy, worthy! {Refrain}

TAG: All that You've done for me. (repeat) ²

Children's Celebration

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

☞ BE SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD ☛

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich."
Let the blind say, "I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me." {Repeat section}

*Hosanna! Hosanna! To the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Jesus died and rose again.*

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Kathy Shook

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.

And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.

On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth.

But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME (CONT)

Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away,
from the heaven’s mercy stream of the Savior’s love for me.

I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.

I will sing salvation songs: Jesus Christ has set me free! {Chorus twice – first verse}.³

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

☞ RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD ☞

Song of Response

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.*

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures (*refrain 2x*)

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. ⁴

Joys & Concerns

Gwen

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.*

Vicki

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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:

LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE

Look what the Lord has done. Look what the Lord has done.

He healed my body, He touched my mind. He saved me just in time!

Oh, I'm gonna praise his name! Each day He's just the same. (Last time to TAG)

Come on and praise Him; Look what the Lord has done. {repeat chorus}

A layman was sittin' outside the gate making alms to those who entered in.
Peter and John came upon him, the layman was expecting them.
Peter said, "Silver and gold I have none, but such as I have, I give to them.
That's when the Spirit took the layman, and he leaped to his feet,
crying, "Look what He's done for me!" {Repeat Chorus 2X}

I was bound by the chains of darkness and sin, I had no hope and no peace of mind.
My sins were as scarlet; He washed them white as snow. He opened up my blinded eyes.
Now my soul does rejoice, since I made Him my choice. I've got love, peace, everything I need.
My names been written down in the Lamb's Book of Life.
Can't you see what he's done for me! {Repeat Chorus 2X – with TAG}

TAG: Come on and praise Him; Look what the Lord –

Come on and praise him; Look what the Lord –

Come on and praise him; Look what the Lord has done!

Look what the Lord has done! ⁵

✠ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ✠

*Benediction

Vicki

***Sending Song**

ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you get to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

And all the people said Amen. Whoa
And all the people said Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said Amen.

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world, He sent his son to save us all. {Refrain}

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. {Refrain 2x}

TAG: Yeah! And all the people said Amen. 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 James Shultz and Carlton Starkweather by Pastor Todd & Linda Shultz.

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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9:30: Larry Zeigler, James Floyd, Nancy Almacy, Lori Watson, Joyce Pool, Beth Rinker

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