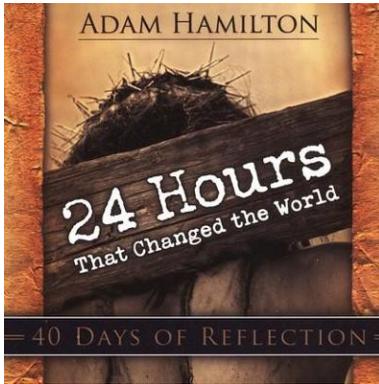


Worship Celebration: March 8, 2020

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

2nd Sunday in Lent (Year A)



Welcome to Epworth! We continue this week with our Sermon Series “24 Hours That Changed the World”. Our focus this week is on the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. The story of Jesus before the Council is an amazing example of what fear can do to people, in this case the temple leadership. The temple of that time was driven by leaders who were focused on self-preservation and power. It was up to the faithful to figure out who God was calling them to follow, temple leadership or the Messiah. The answer was in who was leading by fear and who leading by love. We are faced with that same question today. Who are we to follow? Who is living and leading according to God’s plan?

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

DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.*

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord. *{Refrain}*

(Bridge) There's no God like Jehovah. (repeat 14x) (refrain 2x)

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes. ¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicki

*Passing the Peace

*Singing in Praise

THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds; king and kingdoms will bow down
and ev'ry chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise,
for who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.

*He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
and ev'ry knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
for the sin of the world; His blood breaks the chains,
and ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.*

Oh, ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings.
Our God, who comes to save, is here to set the captives free,
for who can stop the Lord Almighty? {Refrain}

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Oh, who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord? {Refrain}

TAG: *Oh--- and ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb!*
Oh--- ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb! ²

Children's Celebration

Linda BenderHilt

☞ BE SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD ☛

NO TURNING BACK

I will follow You. I will follow You.

No turning back, no turning back, no turning back, no turning back.

This is my heart cry: Though none go with me, the cross before me, the world behind me.
This is my heart cry: Though none go with me, the cross before me, the world behind me.

I will follow You. (I have decided, I have decided.)

I will follow You. (I have decided.)

No turning back, no turning back, no turning back, no turning back.

This is my anthem: My life for Your fame, my ev'ry move bring glory to Your name.
This is my anthem: My life for Your fame, my ev'ry move bring glory to Your name.
{Refrain}

The cross before me, the world behind me; I will follow, I will follow. {4X}
TAG: *No turning back, no turning back, no turning back, no turning back.* {2X} ³

☞ We Engage the Word ☛

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 88:1-4

Eleanor Marchmont

O Lord, God of my salvation, I cry out to you by day.
I come to you at night.
Now hear my prayer; listen to my cry.
For my life is full of troubles, and death draws near.
I am as good as dead, like a strong man with no strength left.

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 14:53-65

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.
Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.
Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.
For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree.
Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"
But even on this point their testimony did not agree.
Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"
But he was silent and did not answer.
Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"
Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"
Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"
All of them condemned him as deserving death.
Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!"
The guards also took him over and beat him.

Brothers and Sisters,
This is the Word of God for the People of God.

§Thanks be to God

☞ RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD ☛

Song of Response

HELP FROM HEAVEN

There is a moment ev’ry heart needs a rescue.
There is a season ev’ry soul needs a breakthrough.
Help from heaven; we all need help from heaven.

There is a whisper, a voice of hope inside you.
There is an answer, a name above to guide you.
Help from heaven; we all need help from heaven.
Help from heaven.

When the world is on our shoulders and we need a hand to hold us,
when no miracle is found, still believe;
When the sea of night surrounds us and all questions try to drown us,
just believe, just believe in help from heaven, help from heaven.

There is a reason these tears will not be wasted.
There is a future for all these broken pieces.
Look to heaven; all we need is help from heaven, help from heaven.

When the road ahead is hidden and we need a new beginning.
When the battle’s closing in, still believe,
One more step into the promise and the hands of grace that hold us,
Just believe, just believe in help from heaven.

Taking heart and holding on, hope is closer than we know.
Heaven will not let us go, help from heaven! *(Repeat section)*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
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Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

THANK YOU, LORD

I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord*

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
You took my sin and my shame. You took my sickness and healed all my pain;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name. {Repeat Refrain 2X}⁵

✠ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ✠

*Benediction

Todd

*Sending Song HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (*refrain 2x*)

*(refrain 2) Name above all names, worthy of all praise, my heart will sing, how great is our God.
Name above all names, worthy of all praise my heart will sing, how great is our God.
How great, how great is our God! ⁶*

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of March are sponsored by Russ Mullen.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chuck Johnson by Bev.

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 Autumn Reynolds

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9:30: Tom Curry, Ken Backer, Jayne Tamburello, Maubra Randolph, Nancy Bodner, Kim Scott

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