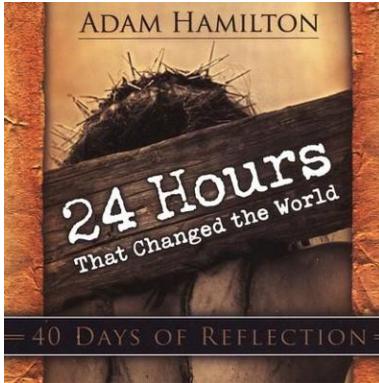


Worship Celebration: March 22, 2020

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

10:00 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

4th Sunday in Lent (Year A)

We continue to walk with Jesus to the cross during this season of Lent. This week, we examine the fickle crowd. Less than one week prior, many of the same people had cheered Jesus on and joined the parade on what we now call “Palm Sunday.” Now on Friday, they ask Pilate to release Barabbas, a known murderer, over Jesus. What happened? Perhaps, like Judas, they wanted Jesus to come and overthrow the Roman government. Imagine their confusion when, on Monday, Jesus overturns tables in the Temple instead. He argued with the religious authorities and told them that the Temple would be destroyed. He even instructed them to “give to Caesar what is Caesar’s” when asked about taxes. He hardly sounded like the king they had expected. With their hopes of overthrowing the Roman government dashed, the

crowd quickly became a mob, calling for Jesus’ death. Join us as we explore the short distance between a supportive crowd and an angry mob.

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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

GREATER

Bring your tired and bring your shame, bring your guilt and bring your pain.

Don't you know that's not your name?

You will always be much more to me.

And every day I wrestle with the voices that keep telling me I'm not right,
but that's all right.

'Cause I hear a voice, and He calls me redeemed when others say I'll never be enough.

And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.

In the world, in the world.

And greater is the One living inside of me than he who is living in the world.

Bring your doubts and bring your fears, bring your hurt and bring your tears.

There'll be no condemnation here;

you are holy, righteous and redeemed.
And every time I fall there'll be those who will call me a mistake.
Well, that's okay. {Refrain}

*(Bridge) There'll be days I lose the battle, Grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.*

*I am learning to run freely, understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more. (repeat) {Refrain} (bridge)*

(Tag) God is greater than he who is living in the world. ¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Singing in Praise

NOT TODAY

Trouble won't throw me, won't break me, won't scare me no more.
Fear must have thought I was faithless when it came for my heart.
'Cause I got a song that will never die, I know Your love is the reason why.

I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.

I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name, let the devil know, not today.

Tell me, did the enemy panic as you took up that cross?
Tell me, did the darkness cry mercy as You rolled back that rock?
'Cause I know Your life is the life in mine, I know Your love is the reason why.

I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.

I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name.

Jesus, let the devil know, not today.

Whenever I say Your name, Jesus, let the devil know, not today.

Not now, not ever again.

Your love stood down death, crushed the devil's head.
Fear is just a liar running out of breath.
The fight beneath Your feet, I'm standing on Jesus' Name.
So let the devil know, not today. Let the devil know, not today.
No, no, not now, not ever again. Jesus, let the devil know, not today, not today, not today.

I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.

I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name.

Jesus, let the devil know, not today. Let the devil know, not today.

No, no, not now, not ever again. Let the devil know, not today.

Let the devil know, not today, let the devil know not today. ²

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 27:1-3, 11-14

Todd

The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid?
The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid.

Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.

Teach me how to live, O Lord.

Lead me along the right path, for my enemies are waiting for me.

Do not let me fall into their hands.

For they accuse me of things I've never done; with every breath they threaten me with violence.

Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living.

Wait patiently for the Lord.

Be brave and courageous.

Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 15:1-15

Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council—met to discuss their next step.

They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "You have said it."

Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, and Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer them?"

What about all these charges they are bringing against you?"

But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise.

Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner—anyone the people requested.

One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising.

The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual.

"Would you like me to release to you this 'King of the Jews'?"

Pilate asked. (For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.)

But at this point the leading priests stirred up the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus.

Pilate asked them, "Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

"Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"

But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.

He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

☞ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞

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Vicki

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Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!

Offertory: OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail;
And there I find You in the myst'ry, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

*And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace, for I am Yours and You are mine.*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters; Your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and You won't start now.

{Refrain}

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior (*repeat 2x*)

*I will call upon Your Name.
Keep my eyes above the waves.
My soul will rest in Your embrace.
I am Yours, and You are mine. ³*

Morning Prayer

Todd

The Lord's Prayer (sung responsively)

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☞ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ☞

***Benediction**

Vicki

***Sending Song** STAND IN YOUR LOVE

When darkness tries to roll over my bones, when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.
When brokenness and pain is all I know, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken.

*My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love.*

Shame no longer has a place to hide. I am not a captive to the lies.

I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken! {Refrain}

There's power that can break off every chain.

There's power that can empty out a grave.

There's resurrection power that can save, there's power in Your name, power in Your name. {Repeat section}

My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance, when I stand in Your love!

Oh when, when I'm standing in Your love.

Oh, my fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance .when I stand in Your love!

Oh, oh, I'm standing in Your love.

Oh, oh, standing on the rock.

Oh, I'm standing, standing in Your love. 4

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and “Happy Anniversary,” Fred, with love Sharyn.

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

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30:

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