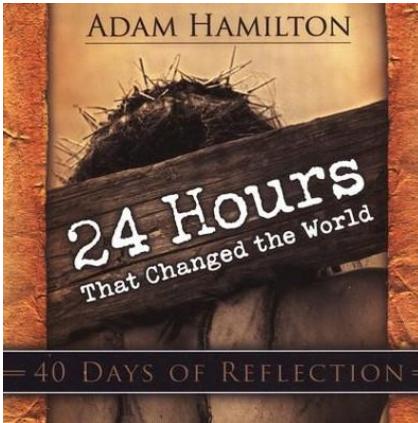


Worship Celebration: March 29, 2020

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

10:00 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Year A)



We have reached the final act before the crucifixion of Jesus. The soldiers take Jesus to the courtyard to be whipped. They dress him in a purple robe to mock him and they put a crown of thorns on his head. They spit on him and struck him on the head and “bowed” down to taunt him. I cannot imagine the strength Jesus needed to survive this torture. No wonder he eventually prayed from the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” This passage invites us to reflect on the evil which can spread when no one feels responsible for the behavior. It asks us to examine our own ability to be swayed by the crowd to commit unthinkable actions. And, Jesus calls us to remember his invitation to take up our cross and follow him, knowing all that this path of faith will entail. Do we have the courage to follow Jesus?

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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**

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Thank You for the cross, Lord; Thank You for the price You paid;  
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came, and gave amazing grace;  
Thank You for this love, Lord; Thank You for the nail pierced hands;  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace.

*{Refrain} Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne; Crown You now with many crowns,  
You reign victorious; High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,  
The Darling of Heaven crucified; worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. (verse) (refrain 2s)*

Tag: Worthy is the Lamb! (repeat 5x) <sup>1</sup>

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

## \*Singing in Praise

## DREAM SMALL

*It's a momma singin' songs about the Lord.  
It's a daddy spendin' fam'ly time the world said he cannot afford.  
These simple moments change the world.*

*It's a pastor at a tiny little church.  
Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt.  
These simple moments change the world.*

*Dream small. Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.  
Just let Jesus use you where you are, one day at a time.  
Live well, loving God and others as yourself.  
Find little ways where only you can help.  
With his great love, a tiny rock can make a giant fall. (\*last time to TAG)  
Dream small.*

*It's visiting the widow down the street.  
Or dancin' on a Friday with your friend with special needs.  
These simple moments change the world.*

*Of course, there's nothin' wrong with bigger dreams;  
just don't miss the minutes on your way to bigger things.  
'Cause these simple moments change the world. {Chorus}*

*Keep loving, keep serving, keep list'ning, keep learning,  
keep praying, keep hoping, keep seeking, keep searching.  
Add up the small things and watch them grow bigger.  
The God who does all things makes oceans from rivers. {Chorus}*

*\*TAG: Yeah, five loaves and two fish could feed them all, so dream small.  
Dream small.<sup>2</sup>*

## ☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

### Old Testament Lesson

*Psalm 22:14-21a*

*I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted  
within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.*

*For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones.*

*They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing  
they cast lots.*

*But you, O LORD, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!*

Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!  
Save me from the mouth of the lion!

**\*Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 15:15b-23*

After flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.  
Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.  
And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.  
And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"  
They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.  
After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him.  
Then they led him out to crucify him.  
They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.  
Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).  
And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.

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

**SThanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**✠ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ✠**

**Explanation of 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!*

**Offertory:**

*KING OF KINGS*

In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light,  
'til from heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the word,  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. {Chorus}

And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath,  
'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. Oh... {Chorus}

TAG: Praise forever to the King of kings. <sup>3</sup>

## Morning Prayer

Todd

## The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

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## ☞ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ☛

## \*Benediction

Vicki

## \*Sending Song AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.  
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide,  
where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.  
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,  
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,  
where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,  
where all the love I've ever felt comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.  
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,  
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.  
Here I bow down, here I bow down.  
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life.  
Here I bow down, here I bow.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.  
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,*

*I owe all to You, I owe all to You,  
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

Savior of the world. Jesus, Savior of the world.  
Jesus, Savior of the world. Jesus. <sup>4</sup>

*\*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

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 recordings 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*

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

*Ushers* Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:  
9:30:

## Worship Resources

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