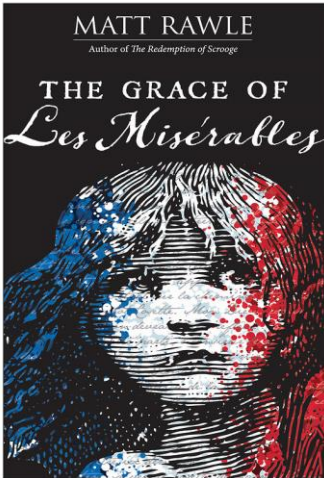


Worship Celebration: May 24, 2020

10:00 a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)



Welcome to Epworth! This week, we bring to a close our time of exploring grace through the book and musical, *Les Misérables*. Toward the end of the musical, we experience the uprising of 1832 in Paris, with the “Friends of ABC” rallying to overthrow the government. In French, when you pronounce “ABC,” it sounds like the word *abaisse*, which means “oppressed.” These friends recognized the social inequalities which led to abject poverty, and they banded together to overturn the government. They hoped this revolution would solve their problems. However, they discovered that fighting power with power does not bring success. In our Acts, we see a different way of addressing inequities. These early disciples also banded together, but instead of trusting in violence or power, they trusted in God. Their trust allowed them to share life together with other followers of Jesus, sharing their stories, their food, and even their possessions with each other. This revolution ended up overthrowing Rome, as people declared, “Look at how the Christians love one another!”

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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 ✠

Countdown Concerto

{DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING?}

Doug, Keyboard

Praise Gathering

EMMANUEL

Together in this place of worship Your greatness we proclaim.

We stand as one in giving You all glory and acclaim.

To you our hearts are open, to You our hands we raise.

Come take the place of honor in our lives.

*Emmanuel, our God is with us.*

*Prince of peace, Mighty One, the ever living God. (repeat)*

See the praises of our Savior rise to open skies.  
With the dawning of redemption, Your glory will arise.  
For You alone are worthy, here in Zion You are praised.  
Our Lord and King forever You will reign. (*Refrain 2x*)

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Come take the place of honor in our lives.  
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## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

### \*Singing in Praise

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

UMH 64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## Children's Celebration

Mike & Chase Reynolds

### ☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☛

#### ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart;  
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

## New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Max Dick

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.  
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.  
All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their

possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.  
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

#### ANCIENT WORDS (CONT)

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ;  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart. (*refrain 2x*)

Tag: O let the ancient words impart. <sup>2</sup>

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Sermon Response

BRING HIM HOME

Doug

English lyric by Herbert Kretzmer; Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg

God on high, hear my prayer. In my need You have always been there.  
He is young. He's afraid. Let him rest, heaven blessed.  
Bring him home, bring him home, bring him home.

He's like the son I might have known if God had granted me a son.  
The summers die, one by one, how soon they fly, on and on.  
And I am old and will be gone...

Bring him peace. Bring him joy. He is young – he is only a boy.  
You can take. You can give. Let him be. Let him live.  
If I die, let me die, let him live, bring him home.  
Bring him home. Bring him home.

#### ✠ 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:

I WILL RISE

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

*And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise.*

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.  
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.  
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead. {Refrain}

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"  
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Worthy is the Lamb!" {Refrain}

(Tag) I will rise. Rise! <sup>3</sup>

## Joys and Concerns

Mike Reynolds

*Segue to:*

I NEED YOU TO SURVIVE

Doug - vocal

I need you; you need me. We're all a part of God's body.  
Stand with me; agree with me, we're all a part of God's body.  
It is His will that ev'ry need be supplied.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive.

## Morning Prayer

Mike

### The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

§ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Prayer Response

I NEED YOU TO SURVIVE

Doug

It is His will that ev'ry need be supplied.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive. <sup>4</sup>

☞ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ☞

### \*Benediction (sung)

GO WALK WITH GOD

Vicki

Go walk with God in all you do, and may God's love bring joy to you.  
May gifts of peace fill all your days, and may God's truth guide you always.

**\*Sending Forth**

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

**Postlude**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Doug, organ

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*





Bulletins for the month of May are sponsored in loving memory of Robert Greenawalt's death 8 years ago, May 5, by his Wife and Family.

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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