

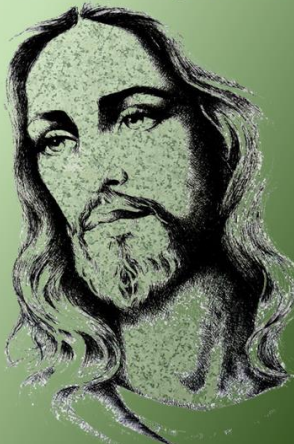
Worship Celebration: June 7, 2020

10:00 a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

1st Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)

QUESTIONS
JESUS
ASKS US
...living the questions



This week, we begin a series on Living the Questions. During this time of uncertainty, we all have questions on our minds. Some of these questions, we may not have answered for a long time to come. So, instead of giving into the frustrations of unanswered questions, I invite us to focus on questions Jesus asks us. As we learn to live the answers to these questions, perhaps we will begin to see answers to the questions on our hearts today. We begin with a question Jesus asks a man who has been ill for 38 years: “Do you want to be made well?” Though it may seem like a nonsensical question, Jesus asks the man (and us) to reflect on how comfortable we have become with our own illness or disease. Have we given up on God’s power to heal us? Does our healing require too much work? Are we ready to “Get up, take up our mats, and walk?” Join us as we explore this question.

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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

Doug

Praise Gathering

OUR GOD

1. Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There’s no one like You, none like You.
2. Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There’s no one like You, none like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is healer, awesome in power our God, our God. (verse 2, refrain 2X - instrumental)

(Bridge) And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?

And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
Then what could stand against? (*refrain 2X*) (*bridge*)

(Tag) What could stand against?¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

*Singing in Praise

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done.*

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. {*Refrain*}

Children's Celebration

Gwen

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☛

HEALER

You hold my ev'ry moment, You calm my raging seas.
You walk with me through fire and heal all my disease.
I trust in you, I trust in you.

*I believe You're my healer, I believe You are all I need. I believe.
I believe You're my portion. I believe You're more than enough for me.
Jesus, You're all I need. (Repeat to top)*

Nothing is impossible for you. Nothing is impossible.
Nothing is impossible for you. You hold my world in your hands. (*repeat section*)

*I believe You're my healer, I believe You are all I need. Oh, yes, You are, yes, You are.
I believe You're my portion. Lord, I believe You're more than enough for me. Jesus, You're all I need.
More than enough for me. Jesus, You're all I need.
You're my healer.²*

Gospel Lesson

John 5:1-13

Alice Mazur

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha,

which has five porticoes.
In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.
One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.
When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him,
“Do you want to be made well?”
The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.”
Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.”
At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.
Now that day was a Sabbath.
So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.”
But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’”
They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk?’”
Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there.

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

§Thanks be to God

HEALER (cont.)

*I believe You're my portion.
Lord, I believe You're more than enough for me.
Jesus, You're all I need.*

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:

GRACE WINS

In my weakest moment, I see You shaking Your head in disgrace.
I can read the disappointment written all over Your face.
Here come those whispers in my ear, saying, “Who do You think You are?
Looks like You're on Your own from here, 'cause grace could never reach that far.”

*But in the shadow of that shame, beat down by all the blame,
I hear You call my name, saying, “It's not over.”
And my heart starts to beat so loud now, drowning out the doubt.
I'm down, but I'm not out.

There's a war between guilt and grace, and they're fighting for a sacred space.

But I'm living proof: grace wins ev'ry time.

No more lying down in death's defeat.

Now I'm rising up in victory, singing: Hallelujah! Grace wins ev'ry time.

Words can't describe the way it feels when mercy floods a thirsty soul,
The broke inside begins to heal and grace returns what guilty stole. {Repeat to *}

For the prodigal son, grace wins.

For the woman at the well, grace wins.

For the blind man and the beggar, grace wins.

For always and forever, grace wins.

For the lost out on the street, grace wins.

For the worst part of you and me, grace wins.

For the thief on the cross, grace wins.

For a world that is lost. {Refrain}

TAG: Ev'ry time. Yeah, I'm living proof: grace wins ev'ry time. ³

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession

Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside – the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones who are hard to spend time with, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it's not really about the other people, but about us. We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer (Sung:)

L: Holy, holy, holy! God, You are most holy.

We lift up our hearts to You, as we our voices raise:

P: Cleanse our hearts and spirit, as we gather at Your table.

God, in thanksgiving, we will sing Your praise.

L: Gathered at the table, sharing with disciples,

Jesus took and broke the bread as He gave thanks to You.

“Take and eat this bread, friends, symbol of my body.

Share and remember these my words to you.”

When the meal was over, Christ shared His cup with all.
“Drink from this, the cup of life, forgiveness shared with you.”
Jesus, we remember. Jesus, we are grateful.
Gift of redemption, covenant made new.

Holy, Holy, Holy! God, pour out Your Spirit.
Make these gifts become for us the body and the blood.
P: Make us hands and feet, God. Christ for the world!
We are redeemed, God, made new in Your love.

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.

✠ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ✠

*Benediction

Vicki

*Sending Song

It Is Well with My Soul (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

UMH 377

1. When peace, like a river, attends me on my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.
3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
{Refrain}
4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith will be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trumpet will sound, and the Lord will descend, even so, it is well with my soul. {Refrain}

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bulletins for the month of June are sponsored in remembrance of what would have been our 65th anniversary, June 25, by Marjorie Mounts.

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 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

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:
9:30:

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