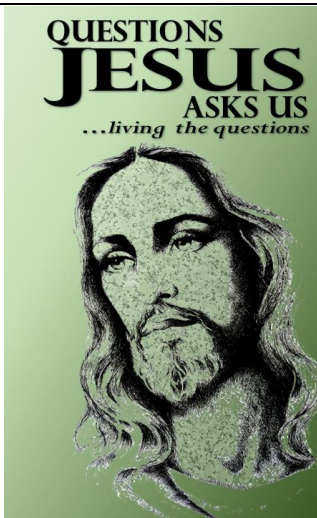


Worship Celebration: June 14, 2020

10:00 a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)



This week, we continue to give space to the questions Jesus asks us, as we live in these times of uncertainty. With questions of reopening businesses and returning to life as usual, many of us worry about safety and health for ourselves and our loved ones. Jesus asks us: “Why worry?” He reminds us that God takes care of the ravens and we are worth so much more than birds! Our worry cannot change anything, but it can rob us of joy. Worry also steals the only gift which we have, which is the present. When we focus on the present and on the priorities of God’s realm, we can find contentment and peace. Then, we can discover for ourselves that God truly “*delights in giving [us] the kingdom!*” Join us as we explore and embrace the truth of this question: Why worry?

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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 ✚

Opening Hymn

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

UMH 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father’s throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows His face,
and gladly take my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
to Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek his face, believe His word, and trust His grace,
I’ll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

***Singing in Praise**

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

UMH 526

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Children's Celebration

Gwen

Anthem

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

*Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.
All that you possess will never set you free.
Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.
Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.*

What do you gain from all your worry?
What you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stress or hurry,
Do you not know that you are held within God's care? *{Refrain}*

✠ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ✠

Gospel Lesson *(read live)*

Luke 12:22-34

Angus McLennan

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat,
or about your body, what you will wear.
For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.
Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and
yet God feeds them.
Of how much more value are you than the birds!
And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?
Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in
all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into
the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!
And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep

worrying.

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions, and give alms.

Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS (cont)

Look at the ravens high above you.

They do not work their whole life through,

And yet God feeds them and protects them.

So how much more will God protect and care for you? {Refrain}

Behold the lilies in their splendor.

In grace and beauty are they dressed,

And yet so soon their bloom is faded.

So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? {Refrain}

Do not fear, little flock, for God delights to give you the blessed reign of God.

Give your possessions to the needy; gain a treasure that will not fade. {Refrain}

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

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Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!

Offertory:

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus’ name. (2X)

Christ alone, cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior’s love.

Through the storm He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.

In ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

My anchor holds within the veil. {Refrain}

He is Lord, Lord of all. (Chorus 2X)

Then He shall come with trumpets sound, oh, may I there in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness above – faultless, stand before the throne. (Chorus 2X)

TAG: Lord of all. ¹

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Gwen

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

WHAT A FRIEND

Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations. (Ooh, ooh.)
Ev'rybody knows heart break, isolation. (Ooh, ooh.)
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus, east to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon, and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry. (Ooh, ooh.)
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation. (Ooh, ooh.)
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down. {Chorus}

No more betrayal, for He is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful, how He has proven it over and over.

No more betrayal, for He is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful, for He has proven it over and over, over and over.
{Chorus Twice}

TAG: Forever and ever his heart is my home. ²

Postlude

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD
Dmitry Bortniansky, arranged by Iouri Grichetchkine

Doug Yetter, Organ

**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:

Worship Resources

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