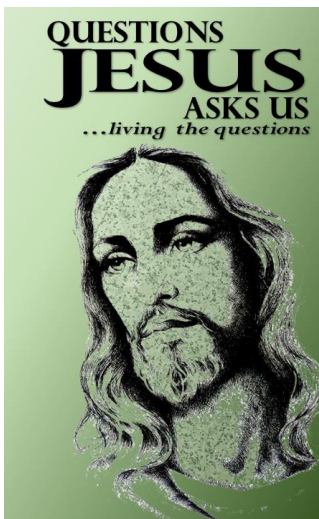


Worship Celebration: June 28, 2020

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

10:00 a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

4th 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. We join the disciples in the boat as they face winds and waves of trials and despair and doubts. Jesus, after feeding more than 5000 people, with five loaves of bread and two fish, sends the disciples ahead of him and heads up to the mountains to pray alone. In the early morning, he walks on the water to join them and frightens them. And, Peter, tells Jesus to let him walk on the water, too. Jesus invites Peter to get out of the boat, and Peter begins to walk on the water until he becomes overwhelmed by the waves and wind. Jesus asks him, “Why did you begin to doubt?” We hear Jesus asking us the same question. What winds and waves threaten our faith? Where do we lose sight of Jesus and begin to sink into the turbulent seas? What practices will help us take Jesus by the hand again and walk? Join us as we wrestle with these questions.

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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 ✠

Prelude

Give Thanks ... Henry Smith

Terry Rasberry, guitar

Praise Gathering

SOUL ON FIRE

God, I’m running for Your heart, I’m running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I’m longing for Your ways. I’m waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, {*last time to TAG} till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat}

Lord, restore the joy I had I have a-wandered bring me back.

In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! {Repeat Chorus}

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.

And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again! {Repeat Chorus}

TAG: *God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire,
till I am a soul on fire, till I am a soul on fire.*¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

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1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care;
And everywhere that we can be, our God is present there.

Children's Celebration

Gwen & Mike T

TRUST IN YOU

Letting go of ev'ry single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.
Ev'ry moment of my wandering never changes what You see.
I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need Your rest.
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You, I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.*

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings; there's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.
So, in all things be my life and breath. I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less. {Chorus}

Bridge: I will trust in you.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand.
You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.
Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood. {Chorus}

TAG: I will trust in You. I will trust in You. I will trust in You.²

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-32

Tim Bush

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!"

And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

☞ Thanks be to God

Anthem

SECURE

Chancel Choir

Lyric by Susan Bentall Boersma; Music by Craig Courtney

PULL VIDEO FROM JUNE 24, 2018 - 36:00

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

☞ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞

Explanation of Offering

Vicki

Offertory:

WE WALK BY FAITH

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Lloyd Larson

PULL VIDEO FROM APRIL 3, 2016 - 23:35

Installation of Lay Leader – Mike Tyler

Today we install Mike Tyler as Lay Leader of Epworth.

Mike,

you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts

and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation
and challenge you to offer your best
to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.
Live a life in Christ
and make him known in your witness and your work.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

§ I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

§ I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

§ I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

§ I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon this your servant
who has been appointed as Lay Leader for Epworth United Methodist Church.
Grant him grace to give himself wholeheartedly in your service.
Keep before him the example of our Lord,
who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.
Let him share his ministry and consecration,
that he may enter into his joy.
Guide him in his work.
Reward his faithfulness with the knowledge
that through him your purposes are accomplished;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.
Will you do all you can to assist and encourage him
in the responsibilities to which he has been called,
giving him your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

The congregation responds:

§ We will.

Song of Welcome

GATHER US IN

FWS 2236

1. Here in this place a new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
*Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

The Lord's Prayer

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§ 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

I AM

There's no space that His love can't reach. There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to amazing grace.
Take me in with your arms spread wide. Take me in like an orphan child.
Never let go, never leave my side.

*I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.
In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am!*

Love like this, Oh my God to find! I am overwhelmed what a joy divine!
Love like this sets our hearts on fire! (*chorus 2x*)

This is my resurrection song. This is my "Hallelujah, come!"
This is why to You I run.
This is my resurrection song. This is my "Hallelujah, come!"
This is why to You I run.
There's no space that His love can't reach. There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to Amazing Grace.

*I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.
In the middle of the storm, I am holding on. (repeat 2X)*

(Tag) I am. I am. In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am! ³

**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.

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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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