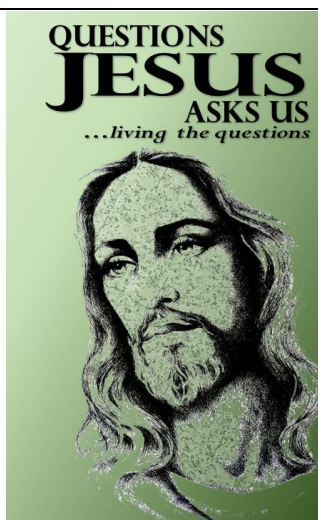


Worship Celebration: July 5, 2020

10:00a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*5th Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)

What's your name? It's a deceptively simple question. Yet we struggle to answer depending on the context. Many of us have a first, middle and last name – and perhaps a nickname that may or may not be related to any of these three names. We may also have titles that attach to the beginning or end of our name. Formal or informal? Intimate or mindful of social distance? And we may also be known by more colorful, hurtful, names that have nothing to do with our given name, and everything to do with the distorting way another person or group uses the name to reduce us from a complex, multi-faceted person to a label. Perhaps we have come to believe these distortions of who we truly are. And then Jesus meets us on the shore, giving us permission to name ourselves. Without presuming to know, Jesus invites us into the freedom to discover (recover?) ourselves in his loving presence. So. What is your name?

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MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care

☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

PATRIOTIC SING-ALONG

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

UMH 697

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride.
From ev'ry mountainside, let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

UMH 696

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

UMH 717

My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make us holy, let us die so we are free!
Our God is marching on! {REFRAIN}

GOD BLESS AMERICA ...*Irving Berlin*

God bless America! Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America! My home sweet home! God bless America! My home sweet home!

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

UMH 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Vicki

Passing the Peace of Christ

Invite the congregation to join us in preparing their worship space

☞AN ORDER FOR THE WELCOME OF BO GORDY-STITH AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR☞

Bo, you have been sent to live among us at Epworth
as a bearer of the Word of God;
a minister of the Sacraments;

Mike Tyler

and a sustainer of the love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. In love, we thank you for responding to God's call and accepting your new responsibility as we join you in a commitment to live a life in Christ and make Christ known in our witness and work.

Gwen to Bo:

§ Accept these symbols representing your ministry with us and among us. As partners with you in ministry, we will do all we can to assist and encourage you in the responsibilities to which you have been called, giving you our cooperation, counsel, and our prayers.

The Presentation of Signs of Ministry

(Persons will present signs of leadership at Epworth.)

Membership Directory -

Gwen

§ Receive this directory, a symbol of your care for the Epworth Church family in our times of joy and sorrow.

Bible, Prayer Stole, Cross and Flame -

Cathy B.

§ Receive this Bible and proclaim fearlessly the prophetic Word in the cause of justice and peace for all people. Receive these praying hands to remind you of the power of prayer and God's faithfulness and this Cross and Flame to remind you of Christ's unwavering love and the gift of God's Holy Spirit for your work and life. Amen.

Stole, Hymnal, Book of Worship -

Doug

§ Receive this stole, hymnal and Book of Worship reminding us of the Good Shepherd who has empowered and equipped you to be our pastor and preacher leading in the worship of God.

Globe -

Mike Reynolds

§ Receive this replica of the earth and remember that, as heirs of John Wesley, the whole world is our parish and remind us always of our connection to God's people around the world and God's call to serve the community and world for the sake of Christ.

Epworth's Vision and Mission

Gloria

§ Receive this resource to help order the life of the congregation through our vision and mission. Here are our Mission Areas which guide and support our life together.

Container of Water, Chalice and a Paten -

Vicki

§ Receive this water and be renewed in your baptism that is your essential credential for ministry and offer God's grace to others. Receive this chalice and paten as symbols of the means of grace God offers and the communion with Christ and the Church.

Basin and a Towel -

Vicki

§ Receive this basin and towel as a sign of our servant ministry together.

Bo to the people:

I thank you, the members and friends of Epworth, and accept these symbols representative of my ministry with you and among you. I pledge my commitment to live a life in Christ and allow God to guide my ministry with you.

The people pray:

Thank you, gracious God, for uniting us in your Holy Spirit. We bless you for the privilege of sharing our ministry with Bo. We pray he may be an effective example in word and action, love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we may glorify you by giving ourselves to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Worship

O GOD, IN YOUR LOVE

TUNE: FOUNDATION

1. O God, in Your love, You have made us unique:
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
in race and in culture and family design –
diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.
2. Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised –
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.
3. So may your church welcome in loving accord
all people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son –
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.

Children's Celebration

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Sequence Hymn

CAST OUT, O CHRIST

W&S 3072

1. Cast out, O Christ, cast far away the demons that destroy:
the haunting dreads that choke our souls, the hates that stifle joy.
2. Our raging griefs, our jealous fears are Legion in their name.
Our shackled hearts implore your grace to loose our binding shame.

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:26-39

Linda Kauffman

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.
(For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and

shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)
Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?"
He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.
They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.
Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these.
So he gave them permission.
Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.
When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.
Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.
And they were afraid.
Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.
Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear.
So he got into the boat and returned.
The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."
So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

3. The love of Christ can heal the mind, and mend the sin-sick soul,
and give the weary strength of heart, and make the broken whole.
4. So come, O Christ and cast away the demons that destroy.
Transform our lives to sense your love and spread abroad your joy.

Prayer over Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Sermon starts with "Voice of Truth"

Bo & Vicki

VOICE OF TRUTH

Oh what I would do to have
the kind of faith it takes to climb out of this boat I'm in,
onto the crashing waves,
to step out of my comfort zone
into the realm of the unknown where Jesus is.
And He's holding out His hand,
but the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me,

reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed.
The waves, they keep on telling me time and time again,
"Boy, you'll never win! You'll never win."

*But the voice of truth tells me a different story.
The voice of truth says, "Do not be afraid."
And the voice of truth say, "This is for my glory."
Out of all the voices calling out to me, (Last time to *TAG)
I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth.*

Oh what I would do to have
the kind of strength it takes to stand before a giant
with just a sling and a stone
surrounded by the sound of a thousand warriors
shaking in their armor,
wishing they'd have had the strength to stand. {Chorus}

But the stone was just the right size to put the giant on the ground,
and the waves, they don't seem so high from on top of them looking down.
I will soar with the wings of eagles when I stop and listen to the sound
of Jesus singing over me. {Chorus}

*TAG: I will choose to listen and believe.
I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth.
I will listen and believe, I will listen and believe the voice of truth.
I will listen and believe, 'cause Jesus You are the voice of truth,
and I will listen to You. You are. ¹

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

✠ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ✠

Invitation to Offering

Bo

Offertory:

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich."

Let the blind say, "I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me." {Repeat section}

Hosanna! Hosanna! To the Lamb that was slain.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Jesus died and rose again.

Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away,
from the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.

I will sing salvation songs: Jesus Christ has set me free! {Chorus twice – first verse}.²

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Vicki

Prayer of Confession - *Unison*

We confess, O God, that we often find ourselves distracted
by a legion of destructive voices that make false promises.
Surely these are our inner demons:
We believe safety and security can reside in ample bank accounts.
We think that success leads to real happiness.
We equate power with dominating others.
We hold fast to pain and anger as if they were treasure in a chest.
We soothe our fear of failure with substances that do harm.
We feed our hunger for love and approval with food that does not satisfy.
Break hold of the chains that bind us, O God.
Set us free from the tombs in which we dwell.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Bo

Friends, hear this good news:
In Christ, God calls us forth from the tomb to the light of new life.
The healing power of God's forgiveness restores us to wholeness.
God releases us from the chains that bind us.
We are set free to be children of God!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer (*Sung*)

Bo: 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.

Vicki: 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."

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

Vicki/Bo:

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.

§ 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

Bo

*Sending Forth

NOT TODAY

Trouble won't throw me, won't break me, won't scare me no more.
Fear must have thought I was faithless when it came for my heart.
'Cause I got a song that will never die, I know Your love is the reason why.

I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.

I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name, let the devil know, not today.

Tell me, did the enemy panic as you took up that cross?
Tell me, did the darkness cry mercy as You rolled back that rock?
'Cause I know Your life is the life in mine, I know Your love is the reason why.

I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.

I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name.

Jesus, let the devil know, not today.

Whenever I say Your name, Jesus, let the devil know, not today.

Not now, not ever again.

Your love stood down death, crushed the devil's head.
Fear is just a liar running out of breath.
The fight beneath Your feet, I'm standing on Jesus' Name.
So let the devil know, not today. Let the devil know, not today.
No, no, not now, not ever again. Jesus, let the devil know, not today, not today, not today.

I'll sing the night into the morning, I'll sing the fear into Your praise.

I'll sing my soul into Your presence whenever I say Your name.

Jesus, let the devil know, not today. Let the devil know, not today.

No, no, not now, not ever again. Let the devil know, not today.

Let the devil know, not today, let the devil know not today. ³

* = Please stand as you are able; § = congregational response

Bulletins for the month of July are sponsored by Fred & Sharyn Smith in honor of Loved Ones.

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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Assisting with today's service as

Acolyte

Sound

Ushers

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

Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30:

Ministers: The Church Family... *Lay Leader:* Mike Tyler

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith ... *Associate Pastor:* Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Director of Music Ministries: Doug Yetter ... *Accompanist:* Linda Jo Hess

Coordinator of Caring Ministries: Mickie McManamon ... *Office Manager:* Darlene Ford

Special Projects: Debbie Hunt ... *Administrative Assistant:* Barbara Kurtz ... *Sound Tech:* Josh Megee

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