

Worship Celebration: August 2, 2020

10:00a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)

EPWORTH

a United Methodist Church

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community

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

☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

## Countdown Concerto

Doug Yetter, organ

## Praise Gathering

LOVE THE LORD

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
 with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength; (*repeat*)  
 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; with all your strength;  
 Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
 with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,  
 with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; (*repeat*)  
 With all my heart, with all my soul,  
 with all my mind, with all my strength;  
 I will serve the Lord with all my heart,  
 with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength;

I will love You, (echo) I will praise You; (echo)  
 I will serve You, (echo) I will trust You. (echo)

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength; (*repeat*)

I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,  
 with all my mind and with all my strength. (*repeat 2X*) <sup>1</sup>

## Welcome &amp; Sharing the Mission &amp; Ministry of Epworth

Bo

## Passing the Peace and Preparing the Worship Space

## \*Opening Hymn

IN THIS TIME OF ISOLATION

Words by Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, 2020; Music attributed to B. F. White, 1844

- In this time of isolation keeping distance, minding space;  
 Battling fear and deep frustration, missing each familiar face.  
 Living in a strange new normal, lifting hearts and hands above.  
 Grant us faith to trust no storm will separate us from God's love.

2. Churches empty, pews sit waiting for the day of glad return  
that we're all anticipating, but for now, Christ, help us learn  
all the lessons that can teach us just how dearly we depend  
on the gifts that daily reach us from Your hand, our saving Friend.
3. One day soon we'll be together, joined in worship, arm to arm.  
Till that day, in Christ we'll weather every danger, each alarm.  
Joined in Jesus, we've a treasure stronger than a virus strain;  
Faith beyond all earthly measure peace surpassing earthly pain.

## Children's Celebration

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### FOR EVERYONE BORN

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread;  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

### ✠ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ✠

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:33-37

Jeff Bond

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**§Thanks be to God**

### FOR EVERYONE BORN (cont.)

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

*{Repeat Refrain 2X}*

*TAG: of justice, justice and joy! (3X) <sup>2</sup>*

## We Pray for Our Pastor

Bill Martin

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

☞ We RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞

Sharing Our Gifts    Offerings are given through check, on-line giving, & Texting at 302-488-0038  
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!

Bo

BE THOU MY VISION

Doug Yetter, piano

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Bo

Prayer of Confession – *Unison*

Forgive us, God, for our complacent attitudes and self-serving comforts. We do not relish the thought of sacrificing for some larger good we cannot see, for people with whom we find it difficult to identify. We compare ourselves favorably against many who seem less attuned to your purposes than we, forgetting that our true standard is Christ Jesus. We ask you to take from us all the bitterness, envy, and anger that stands in the way of your reign. May all we ask of you be for the common good of all your children. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Vicki

\*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer (*Sung:*)

Celebrant:

Jesus invites us, "Come to my table;" Jesus unites us, one family.

Love will preside here, love like none other, no one denied here; come, taste and see.

Spread out for many: strength for life's journey; Open to any seeking to know

Peace beyond measure, hope for tomorrow; Each precious treasure Christ can bestow.

*(Spoken)* Let us go to God in prayer.

God of salvation, pour out Your Spirit on our oblation offered this day.

May it empower all of Your children who in this hour eat, drink, and pray.

*(Spoken)* Hear what God in Christ has done for you!

At His last mealtime with the disciples, Jesus could feel time ebbing away.

As they sat eating, brother to brother, life for Him fleeting, Christ stood to say:

"Breaking this bread and lifting this chalice," Our Savior said, "I'm offering you all I can give you, my blood and my body; Soon I will live through the good that you'll do."

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.

Congregation:

Fully invited, Lord, to Your banquet. Stunned and delighted, forward I go,  
Seeking the blessing You offer freely, humbly confessing my need to grow.

*(Spoken)* The gifts of God for the people of God. Come now and feast!

FOLLOWING THE MEAL

*(Spoken)* And now, as family well fed and fortified, receive these words of benediction and blessing.

## ☞ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ☛

### \*Benediction

Worship is ending, new life beginning, Spirit is sending us forth now to be  
Christ to a world that's crying for justice; Mercy unfurled to set captives free.  
Amen.

Vicki

### \*Sending Forth

#### 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. <sup>3</sup>

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







Bulletins for the month of August are sponsored by Lauren Stayton celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 26.

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

*Lead Pastor:* Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith ...*Pastor of Community & Communication:* Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

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7:45 & 11:15 - Traditional 9:15 - Contemporary

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