

Worship Celebration: August 16, 2020

10:00a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*11th Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)

EPWORTH

a United Methodist Church

19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

(302) 227-7743 † www.eumcrb.org

VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community

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

✪ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ✪

Countdown Concerto

Doug

Praise Gathering

CHAIN BREAKER

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles,
 if you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies,
 if you're trying to fill the same old holes inside, there's a better life, there's a better life.

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.

If you feel lost, He's a way maker.

If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior.

If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night.
 We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight.
 And we've all run to things we know just ain't right.
 And there's a better life, there's a better life. {Refrain}

If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify.
 If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.
 If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify. {Refrain}

TAG: *Oh, if you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior.*

If you've got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker.¹

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Bo

*Opening Hymn

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

UMH 152

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

Mickie

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.*

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 7:1-6

Laurie Kuebler

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.
For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the
measure you get.
Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?
Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is
in your own eye?
You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the
speck out of your neighbor's eye.
"Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will
trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

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

§Thanks be to God

GRACE WINS {CONT}

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. ²

Sermon

Rev. Drs. Vicki Gordy-Stith

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE 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

Offertory:

COUNTING EVERY BLESSING

I was blind, now I'm seeing in color. I was dead, now I'm living forever.
I had failed, but You were my Redeemer. I've been blessed beyond all measure.
I was lost, now I'm found by the Father. I've been changed from a ruin to treasure.
I've been given a hope and a future. I've been blessed beyond all measure.

*I am counting ev'ry blessing, counting ev'ry blessing, letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing, counting ev'ry blessing. Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.
Oh, You are good to me, Oh, You are good to me.*

You were there in the valley of shadows. You were there in the depths of my sorrows.
You're my strength, my hope for tomorrow. I've been blessed beyond all measure. {CHORUS}

Surely Your goodness pursues me. Surely Your heart is still for me.
I will remember Your mercies all my days.

Through ev'ry storm and gale, {1st two lines of CHORUS – 2x; last line 2x} ³

Prayers of Response

Vicki

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

FWS 2278

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞

*Benediction

Vicki

*Sending Forth

BLESSED ASSURANCE

UMH 369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. {Refrain}
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. {Refrain}

Postlude

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

Bulletins for the month of August are sponsored by Lauren Stayton in celebration of their 53rd 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.

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.

Assisting with today's service as

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:

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

Preschool Director: Betsy Plowman ... Nursery: Cathy Crawford ... Interim Cemetery Superintendent: Jay Stevenson

Custodian: Wanda Hudson ... Maintenance: Mike Harrigan....Lead Interpreter: Sandy Davis



EPWORTH
REHOBOTH BEACH
a United Methodist Church
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

19285 Holland Glade Road Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
302.227.7743 www.EUMCRB.org



Large-Print Bulletins &
Hearing Assist Devices are Available
Please see an Usher for assistance



American Sign
Language
at 9:15 Service



Affiliated with other
United Methodists for
greater inclusiveness
through the
Reconciling Ministries
Network
www.RMNetwork.org

worship@epworth
7:45 & 11:15 - Traditional 9:15 - Contemporary

Worship Resources

Song lyrics by permission of CCLI license no. 1019082.

¹ Chain Breaker: Mia Fieldes, Jonathan Smith & Zach Williams ©2015 Anthems of Hope / Be Essential Songs

² Grace Wins: Matthew West ©2015 Atlas Music Publishing

³ Counting Every Blessing: Gareth Gilkeson & Chris Llewellyn ©2018 Capitol CMG Paragon (BMI)