

Worship Celebration: September 6, 2020

10:00a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*

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

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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

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Terry Rasberry, guitar

Praise Gathering

MY LIGHTHOUSE

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.  
In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
shining in the darkness, I will follow You!  
Oh My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea. {Chorus}

Bridge: Fire before us, You're the brightest.

You will lead us through the storms. (Repeat 4X – Chorus)<sup>1</sup>

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## Passing the Peace and Preparing the Worship Space

### \*Opening Hymn

GO, MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES

UMH 571

1. “Go, make of all disciples.” We hear the call, O Lord,  
that comes from You, our Father, in Your eternal Word.  
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,  
and let our daily living reveal You everywhere.
2. “Go, make of all disciples,” baptizing in the name  
of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same.  
We call each new disciple to follow Thee, O Lord,  
redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.
3. “Go, make of all disciples.” We welcome Your command.  
“Lo, I am with you always.” We take Your guiding hand.  
The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;  
in heaven and earth Your power shall bring God’s kingdom here.

### Children’s Celebration

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portal He’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.  
*Come home, (come home,) come home; (come home;) you who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:18-23

Jim Holdridge

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter,  
and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

And He said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

As He went from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother  
John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good  
news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

May this scripture inspire us all..

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING (cont.)

O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

*Come home, (come home,) come home; (come home;) you who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

We Pray for Our Pastor

Jim Holdridge

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

Bo

*Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

AT THIS TABLE

At this table ev'ryone is welcome, at this table ev'ryone is seen.

At this table ev'rybody matters, no one falls between.

At this table you can say whatever, at this table you can speak your mind.

At this table ev'rything's forgiven, there's enough for ev'ryone.

*So come as you are, remember that the door is always open.*

*Yes come as you are, the perfect gift that you could bring is your heart.*

*So come, come as you are.*

At this table there will be no judgements, at this table mercy has a seat.

At this table we're all sons and daughters, there's no place I'd rather be.

*So come as you are, remember that the door is always open.*

*Come as you are, the perfect gift that you could bring is your heart.*

*Come... come as you are, come as you are.*

At this table ev'ryone is welcome, at this table ev'rybody cares.

At this table ev'rybody matters, so come, pull up a chair. <sup>2</sup>

Prayers of Response

Bo

Prayer of Confession – *Unison*

Turn our lives around, God. Help us to identify in ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are to experience your joy. Too long we have been hiding in the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. Too long we have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed. Too long we have avoided people with whom we have a quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences. Save us from ourselves that we may enjoy your realm. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Vicki

Light has come. Salvation is poured out on those who accept it. God is gracious and reaches out to welcome us. We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus. There is good news of forgiveness and healing to be shared. Let's do it.

\*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

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.

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!

☞ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ☞

\*Benediction

Vicki

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.

\*Sending Forth

THE WAY (NEW HORIZON)

Through every battle, through every heartbreak, through every circumstance,

I believe that You are my fortress. Oh, You are my portion. You are my hiding place,

*Oh, I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

I believe through every blessing, through every promise, through every breath I take,

I believe that You are provider. You are protector. You are the One I love.

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are.*

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.

And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.

All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,  
because they can't stay long when I'm here with You.

*(Bridge)*

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.

And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.

All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,  
because they can't stay long

*when I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are. (Repeat Final Bridge / Final Chorus) <sup>3</sup>*

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





Bulletins for the month of September are sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

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 Services 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 archival purposes as well as for distribution to our homebound members on DVD. These recordings 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.

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

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