

Worship Celebration: September 13, 2020

10:00a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

15<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

**RALLY DAY - CONFIRMATION**

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

Countdown Concerto

Doug

Praise Gathering

WE BELIEVE

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,  
there is only one foundation: we believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, you help us see.

There is only one salvation: we believe, we believe.

*We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.*

*We believe in the Crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.*

*We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.*

So, let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing.

In our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe! {Refrain}

Let the lost be found, and dead be raised; in the here and now let love invade.

Let the church live loud! Our God will save. We believe! We believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the power of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

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*We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back, He's coming back again!*

*He's coming back again! We believe! We believe! <sup>1</sup>*

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

Pastor Vicki

Passing the Peace – Preparing the Worship Space

## \*Opening Hymn

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

UMH 140

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.  
*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. {Refrain}
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! {Refrain}

## Children's Celebration

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

FWS 2223

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;*  
*yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: {Refrain}
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: {Refrain}

**✠ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ✠**

## New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:41-47

Ginny Harbold

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.  
May this scripture inspire us all... **\$ to walk in the way that leads to life.**

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

FWS 2223

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to the Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We Pray for Our Pastor

Ginny Harbold

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo 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!*

Pastor Vicki

Offertory:

THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE

Pastor Vicki

Prayers of Response

Pastor Vicki

The Lord's Prayer

*Sung Responsively*

FWS 2287

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☞

\*Benediction

Pastor Bo

\*Sending Forth

THE RIVER

I know a place, where we can go, to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,  
I know a place, where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.  
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.  
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

*We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray, ay, ay.  
Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.  
Let's go down, down, down, to the river. You will leave changed.  
Let's go down, down, down, to the river. Never the same.*

I've seen it move, in my own life, took me from dusty roads into paradise.  
All of my dirt, all of my shame, drowned in the streams that've made me born again.  
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.  
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh. {Chorus}

TAG 1: *Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Let's go down. {Chorus}*

TAG 2: *Oh, down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.*

*Down, down, down to the river.*

*Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace. <sup>2</sup>*

*\* = Please stand as you are able; § = 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 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, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman, Sofia Tamburello, Tommy Vyas

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30:

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

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

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

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



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

### Worship Resources

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