February 7, 2021

10:00 a.m. 5th Sunday After Epiphany

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Prelude

Gathering Music

THE WAY (NEW HORIZON)¹

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)
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(Repeat Final Bridge / Final Chorus)

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith
Passing the Peace of Christ & Preparing Our Worship Space

Opening Hymn  
Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care;  
in Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! You have brought us, we are Yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! You have brought us, we are Yours.

We are Yours, please befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear Your children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, Your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! You have loved us, love us still.

Children’s Celebration  
Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

We Engage the Word  
Holy Spirit  
There’s nothing worth more that could ever come close.  
No thing can compare; You’re our living hope.  
Your presence, Lord.

I’ve tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,  
where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone.  
Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
to be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

Psalm Lesson  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Mike Ryan

O God, You are my God, I seek You, my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a  
dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.  
Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.  
So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Your name.  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises You with joyful lips when I  
think of You on my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night; for You have  
been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.
May this scripture inspire us all... $ to walk in the way that leads to life.

**HOLY SPIRIT [CONT]**

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to be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

**We Pray for Our Pastor**

Mike Ryan

**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!

**Offertory:**

BEAMS OF HEAVEN AS I GO  
Black History Month – Charles Albert Tindley

**Prayers of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**Words of Assurance**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

**The Great Thanksgiving Prayer (Sung)**

L: God be with you in the building of the body.
   Lift your hearts up in the outpouring of love.
   It is right to give our thanks and praise forever.
   God is with us as Creator, Spirit, Christ.

P: God is with us as Creator, Spirit, Christ.

L: On the night when Jesus gave his life for many,
in the breaking of the bread, thanking our God,
Jesus gave bread to His people, “Eat, remember.
This is no longer just bread, this is my life.”

P: “This is no longer just bread, this is my life.”

L: Then he took the common cup, poured out for many,
in the covenant of grace, thanking our God,
Jesus gave wine in forgiveness, “Drink, remember.
This is no longer just wine this is My love.”

P: “This is no longer just wine this is My love.”

L: Spirit bless us all who gather at Your table.
   Spirit bless these simple gifts of bread and cup.
   Make them be for us the very life of Jesus.
   So that we can be His life-love in the world.
P: So that we can be His life-love in the world.

L: Make us one now with each other and with Jesus.
    Make us one in love and service to the world.
    Make us one as sign and living of your kingdom
    'till the day when all Creation is restored.
P: 'Till the day when all Creation is restored.

The Lord’s Prayer

§ 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.

○ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ○

Sending Forth

Eye of the Storm

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet,
Between the black skies and my red eyes, I can barely see.
And when I'm feeling like I've been let down by my friends and my family,
I can hear the rain reminding me:

In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.

When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I'm running out of faith,
I see the future I picture slowly fade away.
And when the tears of pain and heartache are pouring down my face,
I can find my peace in Jesus’ name. (Refrain - Instrumental)

When they let me go and I just don't know how I'm gonna make ends meet,
I did my best; now I'm scared to death that we might lose ev'rything.
And when a sickness takes my child away and there's nothing I can do,
My only hope is to trust You.
I trust You, Lord.

In the eye of the storm, you remain in control.
In the middle of the war, you guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me... {Refrain}

*Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith
Postlude

$ = congregational response

2020-21 Worship Series
Bulletins for the month of February are sponsored in honor of their daughter, Laine Pace's birthday, February 24, by her parents, Laurel & Denny St. Germain.

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**

Ben Carper, Thomas Vyas, Noah Ryan, Mickie McManamon

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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  
**Minister of Music:** Doug Yetter ... **Coordinator of Caring Ministries:** Mickie McManamon  
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**Preschool Director:** Betsy Plowman ... **Nursery:** Cathy Crawford  
**Custodian:** Wanda Hudson ... **Maintenance:** Mike Harrigan ... **Cemetery Superintendent:** Jay Stevenson

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**Worship Resources**

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4. **Beams of Heaven as I Go:** Charles Albert Tindley, 1906
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