February 14, 2021 10:00 a.m. – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Prelude

Gathering Music

Forever ¹

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.
For the life that’s been reborn; His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
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Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us. Forever
Forever.

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Passing the Peace of Christ & Preparing Our Worship Space
*Opening Hymn*

**REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING**

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
   mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
   Lift up Your heart, lift up Your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
   when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.  
   Lift up Your heart, lift up Your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o’er earth and heaven;  
   the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
   Lift up Your heart, lift up Your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
   and take His servants up to their eternal home.  
   We soon shall hear the angel’s voice; and trumpets of God sound, rejoice!

**Children’s Celebration**

Mike Tyler, Lay Leader

**Stephen Minister Commissioning**

✉️ We Engage the Word ✉️

**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.

**Epistle Lesson**  

*Philippians 4:8-13*  

Lorraine Carr

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is  
anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and  
the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed,  
you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it.

Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I  
have.

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty.
In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

May this scripture inspire us all... $ to walk in the way that leads to life.

COUNTING EVERY BLESSING {cont}
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}

We Pray for Our Pastor
Valerie Linder

Sermon
Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

ENOUGH 4
You are my supply, my breath of life, still more awesome than I know. You are my reward worth living for; still more awesome than I know.

And all of You is more than enough for all of me, for every thirst and ev'ry need. You satisfy me with Your love, and all I have in You is more than enough.

You're my sacrifice of greatest price; Still more awesome than I know. You're my coming King, You are everything; Still more awesome than I know. {Refrain 2x}

More than all I want, more than all I need, You are more than enough for me. More than all I know, more than all I can see, You are more than enough.

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$ 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: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING 5

Prayers of Response
Sung Responsively
Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The Lord’s Prayer
Sung Responsively

$ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD $

Sending Forth
THANK YOU, LORD 6
I come before You today, and there's just one thing that I want to say; Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
For all You've given to me, for all the blessings that I cannot see;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name.

    Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;

For all You've done in my life, You took my darkness and gave me Your light;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
You took my sin and my shame. You took my sickness and healed all my pain;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your Name. {Repeat Refrain 2X}

Benediction & Three-Fold Amen

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Postlude

His Almighty Name

Doug Yetter, organ

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

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| Ben Carper, Thomas Vyas, Noah Ryan, Mickie McManamon, Alex Tamburello | 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 ... Pastor of Community & Communications: Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith
Minister of Music: Doug Yetter ... Coordinator of Caring Ministries: Mickie McManamon
Office Manager: Darlene Ford ... Special Projects: Debbie Hunt ... Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kurtz
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Preschool Director: Betsy Plowman ... Nursery: Cathy Crawford
Custodian: Wanda Hudson ... Maintenance: Mike Harrigan ... Cemetery Superintendent: Jay Stevenson

Worship Resources
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2. Rejoice, the Lord is King: Charles Wesley, 1746; John Darwell, 1770
5. Lift Every Voice and Sing: James Weldon Johnson, 1921; J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921
7. His Almighty Name: Benedetto Marcello