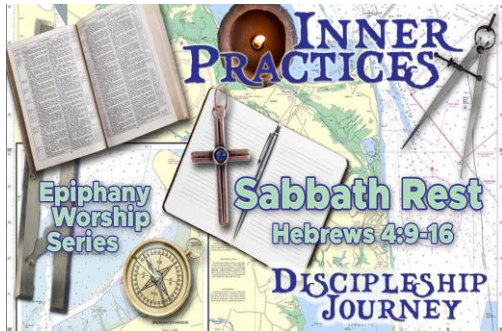


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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community
MISSION: Inviting, Belonging, Connecting, Caring

January 16, 2022

10:00a.m. – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

✠ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ✠

After Countdown

ALIVE & BREATHING¹

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul? What matters come to mind?
The cares you keep, the thoughts you think, it's not all wasted time.
Seek and you will find.

Joy still comes in the morning, hope still walks with the hurting.
If you're still alive and breathing, praise the Lord!
Don't stop dancing and dreaming. There's still good news worth repeating.
So, lift your head and keep singing, "Praise the Lord!"

The years roll by. We wonder why we lost our way from home.
Our Father finds the child inside we left for growing old.
Awake, awake, awake, my soul! {Refrain}

Let everything, let everything, let everything praise the Lord.
In the working, in the waiting, let it praise the Lord.
In the blessing, in the breaking, come on, praise the Lord.
In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord.
Let it praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! {Refrain 2x}

Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Call to Worship

L: Come to the water, all you who thirst,
P: come drink deeply from the river of life.
L: Come to the water, all you who are weary,
P: come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.
L: Come to the water, all you who long for justice,
P: come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.
L: For God is here among us, pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.
ALL: Let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn**

HOW GREAT THOU ART ²

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Your hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Your power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; {Refrain}

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! {Refrain}

Children's Celebration

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☛

AS THE DEER ³

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver, and the apple of my eye. {Refrain}

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 42

Mark Stanzilis, lector

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?
My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.
My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?

Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Anthem

LIVING WATER ⁴

Chancel Choir

We Pray for Our Pastor

Mark Stanzilis

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Sermon Response

BE STILL, MY SOUL ⁵

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on Your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to Your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: Your best, Your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: Your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past.

Your hope, Your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know

the Christ who ruled them while He dwelt below.

☞ 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:

EYE OF THE STORM ⁶

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}

Prayers of Response

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☞

*Benediction & Three-Fold Amen

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

*Sending Forth

ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN⁷

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you get to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.
And all the people said Amen. Whoa
And all the people said Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said Amen.

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world, He sent His son to save us all. {Refrain}

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. {Refrain 2x}

TAG: Yeah! And all the people said Amen.

* = *Please rise in body or in spirit*; S = *congregational response*

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Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

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³ *As the Deer:* Martin J. Nystrom, 1984

⁴ *Living Water:* Emily Crocker, 1992

⁵ *Be Still, My Soul:* Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; Jean Sibelius, 1899

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