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Sunday, July 23, 2023 8th Sunday after Pentecost



# Welcome to Epworth Worship Sunday 10 am in-person and online

10 am <u>Blended Worship Order</u> <u>Calendar</u> & <u>Announcements</u> <u>Prayer List</u> <u>Staff & Leadership</u>

<u>VISION</u>: Explore Faith, Embrace Community <u>MISSION</u>: Inviting, Belonging, Connecting, Caring

### All Means All

As a <u>Reconciling Ministries Network</u> congregation, we welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



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### We Gather in Worship Doug Yetter, organ AFTER ALL (HOLY)

Praise Team / Chancel Choir David Crowder, Mark Waldrop, Mike Dodson, & Matt Maher ©2012 WorshipTogether.com Songs

I can't comprehend Your infinitely beautiful and perfect love. Oh, I've dreamed dreams of majesty as brilliant as a billion stars,

But they're never bright enough after all. You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh,

I will sing a song for You, my God, with ev'rything I have in me, But it's never loud enough after all. You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh,

#### Heaven and earth are full,

full of Your glory, Your glory. My soul, it overflows, full of Your glory, Your glory. Oh, blessed is He who reigns, full of Your glory, Your glory. My cup it can't contain all of Your glory, Your glory. Hosanna, we are found after all. *You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy. Oh.* 

I can't comprehend; You're infinitely beautiful.

### DREAM SMALL

Praise Team Josh Wilson ©2018 Music of Black River Publishing It's a momma singin' songs about the Lord. It's a daddy spendin' fam'ly time the world said he cannot afford. These simple moments change the world.

It's a pastor at a tiny little church. Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt These simple moments change the world.

Dream small. Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all. Just let Jesus use you where you are, one day at a time. Live well, loving God and others as yourself. Find little ways where only you can help. With His great love, a tiny rock can make a giant fall. Dream small.

It's visiting the widow down the street or dancin' on a Friday with your friend with special needs. These simple moments change the world. Of course, there's nothin' wrong with bigger dreams; Just don't miss the minutes on your way to bigger things. 'Cause these simple moments change the world. {Repeat Chorus} Keep loving, keep serving, keep list'ning, keep learning, Keep praying, keep hoping, keep seeking, keep searching. Add up the small things and watch them grow bigger. The God who does all things makes oceans from rivers. So, dream small. Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.

Just let Jesus use you we gotta do it all. Just let Jesus use you where you are, one day at a time. Live well, loving God and others as yourself. Find little ways where only you can help. With His great love, a tiny rock can make a giant fall. Yeah, five loaves and two fish could feed them all, so dream small. Dream small.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

#### <u>ALIVE & BREATHING</u>

Praise Team / Chancel Choir Matt Maher & Ellie Limebear ©2020 I Am A Pilgrim Music 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! {Repeat Chorus}

Let everything, let everything,

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

Sing a New World Into Being

Words by Mary Louise Bringle, 2006 Music by Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 Sing a new world into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme. Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.

Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong. Sing a new world into being: Sing as Christ inspires your song!

Sing a new world into being where each gender, class, and race brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace. where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind. Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!

Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home, where no children ever hunger but are filled in God's shalom. Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease. Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.

Prayers of Response Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u> – Sung Responsively

#### Scripture Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

#### Susan Jimenez, reader

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

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

#### In This Fellowship of Faith

*Chancel Choir* Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig; Music by Don Besig ©2004

In this fellowship of faith, we have come to know the Lord. We have felt the Spirit move within this place. In this fellowship of faith, we are blessed forevermore By the warm and healing presence of God's grace. With open hearts and open minds, we will share the love of Christ. We will live as His disciples ev'ry day. And this fellowship of faith

will become a shining light; A sign to all who will follow in His way. *Together we stand; together we sing as we praise the Lord, our Savior and our King. Together we serve; together we pray, for we are one in this fellowship of faith.* 

With open doors, we welcome all who have come to seek the truth, And to find the peace that God alone can give.

In this fellowship of faith, we have found our hope renewed. We trust the Lord to guide us as we live. {Repeat Chorus}

Prayer

Susan Jimenez

#### Sermon

Sharing Our Gifts Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith Welcoming Our New Leaders

#### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

#### Alive & Breathing

Praise Team / Chancel Choir 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! 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!" {Repeat Chorus}

## Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 23, 2023

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#### SYMPATHY:

CONCERNS: To the victims of the weather outbreaks across the US The People of Ukraine Deaf People of Ukraine Beebe Hospital Staff [1 Students Cody Arbuthnot David Bendekovits Brad Bingaman Diaz Bonville Pam Bookman Andy Brangenberg Tim Bush David Caffier Sylvie Drew\ Maria Erb Andrea Esarey Dorothy Fedorka Darlene Ford Marion Ford Tom Groff Steve Harp Gene Harris Carmela Heelan Barb Henriksen Ray Hilt Donna Hitchens Mickey Hoffman Carolyn Horn Lorraine Hudson Deb Hunt Ted Kerwin Chole Kincaid Krean Laurie Kubler Nancy Lathbury David & Sue Laverty Lorretta Mahan Jerry Mahon Ryan Martin Brenda Milbourne Karen Mitchell Natalie Moss Ann Paulen

Bob Paulen Ron Paxton Glenn and Sandy Pierce

John Riley Spillane Charlie Reynolds Carl Richards Betty Robbins Sandy Roca Caitlyn Roche Peter Rupprecht Sandi Russell Dorothy & John Sadler Irene Saffrit Tom Saffrit @Harbor Health Ed Scarborough Dianne Shearon Susan Shollenberger Fred and Sharyn Smith Ray Sonderfan Rob Socorso Paul Streit Cheryl Tarlecky Mark Thompson Renee Toney Susanne Truitt Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf Amy Wall Wanda Walton-Hummel Gordon Weber Michael Wills, Sr Carol Wine Dan Wine @Polaris, Milford Charlotte Woods Claire Worrall Janet Yabroff Michelle Yates Susan Yates Jean Young

Continued Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Homebound, Hospice or in Long Term Care Donna Blomquist, The Moorings Ann Chambers, The Moorings Leon Cromer, Harbor Health Carolyn Robinson-Brandywine Linda Rooney Barb Rowe, Renaissance Quinn Smith Elaine Trexler

Servicemen/Women: Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska Hailye Wilson, USCG Key West Luke Wilson, USCG Key West Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB Jacob Hudson, Quantico Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC College Students Autumn Reynolds-Cedar Crest College Kristina Alexander, UD Cole Thomas Juliano, Wade Stout-Alex Tamburello, Delaware College of Art and Design Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech



# Staff & Leadership

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Attendance last weekend, July 16, 2023				
10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
205	264	13	15	497

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