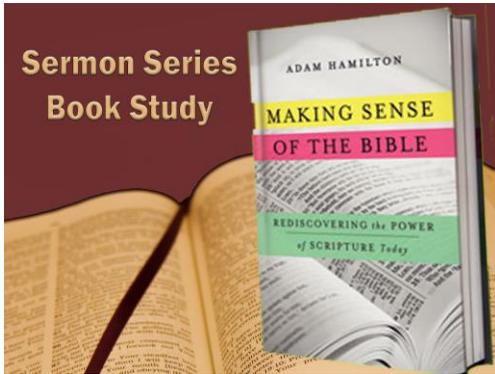


Worship Celebration: August 25, 2019

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

11th Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)



Welcome to Epworth where we explore faith and embrace community! Today we start a sermon series that will help us explore our faith – through the Bible. Millions look to the Bible for inspiration and guidance. At the same time, some parts are confusing and others are deeply disturbing. If you’ve ever had questions about the Bible, we’re glad you’re here to join us in this sermon series entitled "Making Sense of the Bible." In author Adam Hamilton’s book by the same name, he invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible - how and when was the Bible written? Who decided which books made it into the

scriptures and why? How literally must we read it? And, Is the Bible ever wrong? Today we begin our series and we hope you’ll not only join us for worship, but follow along by reading the book – on your own, or in a small group. Together we grow in faith!

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community

MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

Praise Gathering

GOD IS ON THE MOVE

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light;
anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight;
anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served,
I know, I know, I know, I know:

God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah! God is on the move in many mighty ways.

God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah! God is on the move, on the move today.

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
or dares to speak the truth that sets us free;
anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word,
I know, I know, I know, I know: {Refrain}

I see a generation standing on the truth.
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul,
and someone says, "Send me. Here I go."
I know, I know, I know, I know: (*refrain 2X; bridge*)¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

OLD CHURCH CHOIR

There's a revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.
A Sunday morning, hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it.
There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

*I've got an old church choir singing in my soul. I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.*

When the valleys that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb,
Oh, You are with me, You never leave me.
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. {*Refrain*}

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (2X)

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I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.*²

Children's Celebration

Autumn Reynolds and Mickie McManamon

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

☞ We Engage the Word ☛

Epistle Lesson

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Ruth Ann Curley

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra.

What persecutions I endured!

Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 119:103-110

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Brothers and Sisters,

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

§Thanks be to God

ANCIENT WORDS (CONT)

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,

Came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ;

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;

They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart. (*refrain 2x*)

Tag: O let the ancient words impart. ³

Sermon

Making Sense of the Bible: Let's Get Started!

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

Sermon Response

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. {Chorus}

I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end. {Chorus}

Instrumental

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. {Chorus}

TAG: And a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path. ⁴

Joys & Concerns

Todd

The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

FWS 2248

Invitation to Offering ~ Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.

Vicky

*Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038
and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

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.
Your presence, Lord. {Repeat to top}*

Let us become more aware of Your presence.
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. {Repeat section 4X total – then 1st four lines of Chorus} ⁵

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞

*Benediction

Vicky

*Sending Song

I AM

There's no space that His love can't reach. There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to amazing grace.
Take me in with your arms spread wide. Take me in like an orphan child.
Never let go, never leave my side.

*I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.
In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am!*

Love like this, Oh my God to find! I am overwhelmed what a joy divine!
Love like this sets our hearts on fire! (*chorus 2x*)

This is my resurrection song. This is my "Hallelujah, come!"
This is why to You I run.
This is my resurrection song. This is my "Hallelujah, come!"
This is why to You I run.

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There's no end to Amazing Grace.

*I am, holding on to You. I am holding on to You.
In the middle of the storm, I am holding on. (repeat 2X)*

(Tag) I am. I am. In the middle of the storm, I am holding on, I am! ⁶

**Please stand as you are able.*

Bulletins for the month of August are sponsored by Russ Mullen.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In loving memory of Scott's mother, Angela Raymond, by Scott Button & David Streit.
- In memory of their parents, Ken & Joyce Kauffman and Bob & Jane Speck, from Linda Kauffman & Dee Speck.

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 recordings 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.

Acolyte Kayden Holt

Sound Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Robbin Murray, De Raynes, Joy Glass, Ginny Refsnider, Maureen Ewadinger, Kevin

Reagan

Worship Resources

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