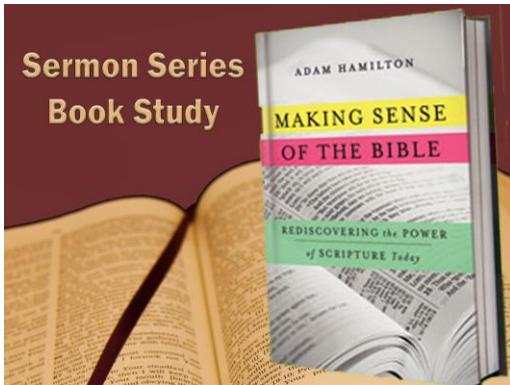


Worship Celebration: September 1, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)



Welcome to Epworth where we explore faith and embrace community! Today we continue our 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. We will look at the Old Testament today, the types of books that are there, how it transitions to the New Testament, and how it is still

very applicable to the lives we lead today. 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.

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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

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation, bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.
You will be exalted, O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days. {Repeat verse / refrain}*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,
sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth
sing unto the Ancient of Days. *{Repeat Refrain}*

TAG: *O Ancient of Days. O Ancient of Days.*¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Singing in Praise

LOVE THE LORD

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength; (*repeat*)

With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind; with all your strength; (*repeat*)

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; (*repeat*)

With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength;
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength;

I will love You, (*echo*) I will praise You; (*echo*)
I will serve You, (*echo*) I will trust You. (*echo*)

With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength; (*repeat*)

I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind and with all my strength; (*repeat 2x*)²

Children's Celebration

Mickie McManamon

✠ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ✠

Joys and Concerns

Glenn

Prayer of Confession

Glenn

O God, we are desolate and frightened, for there are evil tidings all around us and we do not know you well enough to count on your help. We cannot hear your voice or sense your presence. There is a void within us that things cannot satisfy. We have reached for honors and recognition, but they provide no lasting fulfillment. Forgive our mistaken priorities and draw us to you, the source of living water. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Glenn

Happy are those who fear God, who delight in God's commandments. It is well with those who deal generously with others, conduct their affairs with justice, and care for the poor. When we listen to God, the enemies within and around us are subdued and we can walk with confidence into each new day.

THY WORD

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

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

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}

☞ We Engage the Word ☛

Old Testament Lessons

Psalm 119:9-18, 169-176

William Martin

How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.
With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.
I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.
I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.
Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word.
Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.
Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word.
Let my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.
My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes.
My tongue will sing of your promise, for all your commandments are right.
Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.
I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.
Let me live that I may praise you, and let your ordinances help me.
I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant, for I do not forget your
commandments.

Exodus 23:1-9

You shall not spread a false report.
You shall not join hands with the wicked to act as a malicious witness.
You shall not follow a majority in wrongdoing; when you bear witness in a lawsuit, you shall
not side with the majority so as to pervert justice; nor shall you be partial to the poor in a
lawsuit.
When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you shall bring it back.
When you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden and you would hold
back from setting it free, you must help to set it free.
You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in their lawsuits.
Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and those in the right, for I will not
acquit the guilty.
You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the officials, and subverts the cause of those who

are in the right.
You shall not oppress a resident alien; you know the heart of an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

§Thanks be to God

THY WORD (CONT)

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}*

TAG: And a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path. ³

Sermon

Making Sense of the Bible – Old Testament

Rev. Todd Shultz

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

Todd

*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!*

OUR GOD

1. Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.
2. Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.

Our God is healer, awesome in power our God, our God. (verse 2, refrain 2X - instrumental)

(Bridge) And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
Then what could stand against? *(refrain 2X) (bridge)*

(Tag) What could stand against? ⁴

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

***The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

with sung responses as in FWS 2257b, c, d

The Lord be with you.

Todd

§ And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

§ We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

§ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning, when darkness covered the face of the earth
and nothing existed but chaos,
your Spirit swept across the waters.

You spoke but a word, and light was separated from darkness.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

§ Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

FWS 2257b

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

(Please be seated)

Glenn

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Glenn

who lived among us and knew human pain and suffering;

who called all who were burdened and heavy laden and gave them rest;

who healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners;

who cast out demons and showed us the way to you through faith;

who took our suffering upon himself,

that we might be cleansed of our sins and receive eternal life.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

Todd

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

§ Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

FWS 2257c

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,

Glenn

and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By the same Spirit heal us in body, mind, and spirit,
cleansing away all that would separate us from you.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

§ Amen. Amen. Amen. FWS 2257d
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

§ 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.

Sharing Bread and Cup/Announce Good Sam Boxes Todd

☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

Music during Communion O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within,
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

*O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling. (CHORUS 2X)

O what a Savior. Isn't He wonderful? Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all.
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" (Repeat section – CHORUS 3X)

TAG: Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.
Tell the world of the treasure you found. ⁵

OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail;
And there I find You in the myst'ry, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace, for I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters; Your sovereign hand will be my guide.

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and You won't start now. {Refrain}

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.

Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,

And my faith will be made stronger

In the presence of my Savior (*repeat 2x*)

I will call upon Your Name. Keep my eyes above the waves.

My soul will rest in Your embrace. I am Yours, and You are mine. ⁶

***Benediction**

Todd

***Sending Song**

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

God is good all the time He put a song of praise in this heart of mine;

God is good all the time through the darkest night His light will shine.

God is good, God is good all the time.

If you're walking through the valley and there are shadows all around,

Do not fear, He will guide you; He will keep you safe and sound.

He has promised to never leave you or forsake you, and His Word is true. {Refrain}

We were sinners, so unworthy still for us He chose to die.

Filled us with His Holy Spirit; Now we can stand and testify that His love is everlasting,

And His mercies, they will never end. {Refrain}

Though I may not understand all the plans You have for me,

My life is in Your hands, and through the eyes of faith I can clearly see

God is good all the time through the darkest night His light will shine.

God is good, God is good, God is good, He's so good, God is good, God is good all the time. ⁷

**Please stand as you are able.*

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Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- ✠ In loving memory of George and their parents, William B. & Mary Simpson and Paul & Doris Turek by Paula Simpson;
- ✠ In honor of their 31st wedding anniversary on September 10 by Karen & Mike Mahaffie.

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.

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- Acolyte* Chase Reynolds
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- Ushers* Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee
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9:30: Stu & Linda Bruce, Tom Curry, Ken Backer, Coles Marsh, Michael Fehrenbach

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