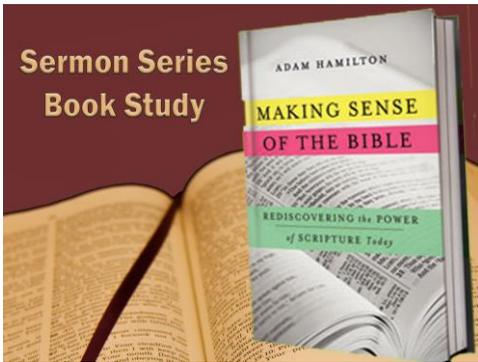


Worship Celebration: September 15, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)



We welcome you to Epworth today! Today we continue our sermon series titled Making Sense of The Bible. We are focused on trying to make sense of this foundational book of our faith through different perspectives. Today's perspective is the presence of violence and suffering, throughout the stories that were told. What was God's divine presence in the midst of these situations and how can we learn from what happened in biblical times. We are happy that you are here with us and blessed by your presence.

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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

#### WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.*

*What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.*

*What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

*What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. (Instrumental)*

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal.  
Now and forever, God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.  
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## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

#### \*Singing in Praise

MY LIGHTHOUSE

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.  
In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
shining in the darkness, I will follow You!  
Oh My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise: You will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea. *Chorus}*

Bridge: Fire before us, You're the brightest.

You will lead us through the storms. (*Repeat 4X – Chorus*)<sup>2</sup>

Children's Celebration

Terre Walton

☞ WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD ☞

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*}

Psalm Lesson

*Psalm 73:1-14, 26-28*

Cole Thomas, lector

Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart.

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped.

For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek.

They are not in trouble as others are; they are not plagued like other people.

Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment.

Their eyes swell out with fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.

They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.

They set their mouths against heaven, and their tongues range over the earth.

Therefore the people turn and praise them, and find no fault in them.

And they say, "How can God know?

Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

Such are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

All in vain I have kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

For all day long I have been plagued, and am punished every morning.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you.

But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, to tell of all your works.

Epistle Lesson

*Romans 5:1-11*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**SThanks 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. <sup>3</sup>

**Sermon**

*Violence, Suffering, and Divine Presence*

Rev. Todd Shultz

**✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠**

**Song of Response**

*WHAT FAITH CAN DO*

Ev'rybody falls sometimes, gotta find the strength to rise from the ashes  
and make a new beginning.

Anyone can feel the ache, you think it's more than you can take but you're stronger,  
stronger than you know.

Don't you give up now. The sun will soon be shining.  
You gotta face the clouds to find the silver lining.

*I've seen dreams that move the mountains.*

*Hope that doesn't ever end even when the sky is falling.*

*I've seen miracles just happen, silent prayers get answered,*

*Broken hearts become brand new.*

*That's what faith can do.*

It doesn't matter what you've heard, impossible is not a word.

It's just a reason for someone not to try.

Ev'rybody's scared to death when they decide to take that step out on the water;  
but it'll be all right.

Life is so much more than what your eyes are seeing.

You will find your way if you keep believing. *{Refrain}*

Overcome the odds, you don't have a chance.

But when the world says you can't, it'll tell you that you can. *{Refrain}*

*(tag) That's what faith can do.  
Even if you fall sometime, you will have the strength to rise.<sup>4</sup>*

## Joys & Concerns

Todd

### The Lord's Prayer

*(sung responsively)*

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

Vicky

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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!*

### JESUS

There is a truth older than the ages. There is a promise of things yet to come.  
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness. There is a kingdom that forever reigns.  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus, Jesus.

*Who walks on the waters? Who speaks to the sea? Who stands in the fire beside me?  
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb. He carries my healing in His hands. Jesus.*

There is a name I call in times of trouble. There is a song that comforts in the night.  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages. He is Jesus, Jesus. {Refrain}

Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name.  
You're my Rock and my Redeemer. There is power in Your name, in Your name.

*You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea, You stand in the fire beside me.  
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb. You carried my healing in Your hands. {Repeat section}  
TAG: Jesus, there is no one like You. Jesus, there is no one like You. <sup>5</sup>*

## ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

### \*Benediction

Vicky

### \*Sending Song

*WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE LORD*

When I think about the Lord, how He saved me, how He raised me,  
how He filled me with the Holy Ghost, how He healed me to the uttermost;

When I think about the Lord, how He picked me up and turned me around,  
how He placed my feet on solid ground. *(repeat)*

*It makes me wanna shout, "Hallelujah, Thank You, Jesus!";  
Lord, You're worthy of all the glory and all the honor and all the praise;  
(repeat) {Repeat from top - Repeat chorus}*

*TAG: It makes me wanna shout! <sup>6</sup>*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*





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Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- In memory of their parents, James & Daris Handy and James & Ruby Osborne, by Katie Handy & Gwen Osborne;
- In memory of Carl Starkweather on his wedding anniversary with Barbara Starkweather by Megan & Ryan Williard.

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*

*Sound* Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman, Sofia Tamburello

*Ushers* Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Robbin Murray, De Raynes, Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Maubra Randolph, Lori Watson

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