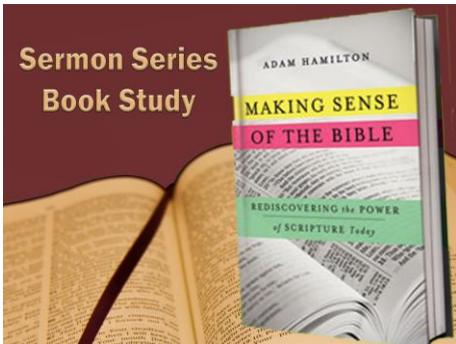


Worship Celebration: September 22, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

15<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 on the inerrancy of this collection of stories. Are the scriptures to be interpreted for the times they were written in or are they to be applied in their literal form to our lives today? We are happy that you are here with us and blessed by your presence.

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*VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community*

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☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

### Praise Gathering

### MIGHTY TO SAVE

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains.*

*My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save*

*Forever, Author of salvation.*

*He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in. Now I surrender. *(refrain 2x)*

Bridge: Shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. *(refrain 2x) (bridge) (refrain 2x)*

(Tag) Shine your light, and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus. *(6x)<sup>1</sup>*

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Todd

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

### \*Singing in Praise

#### THE WAY (NEW HORIZON)

Through every battle, through every heartbreak, through every circumstance,  
I believe that You are my fortress. Oh, You are my portion. You are my hiding place,

*Oh, I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

I believe through every blessing, through every promise, through every breath I take,  
I believe that You are provider. You are protector. You are the One I love.

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are.*

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.

And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.

All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,

because they can't stay long when I'm here with You.

*(Bridge)*

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And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.

All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,

because they can't stay long

*when I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life. I believe You are. (Repeat Final Bridge / Final 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.*

*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}

## New Testament Lessons

2 Peter 1:16-21

Kathryn Burgwin

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.

You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Acts 8:26-35*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)

So he got up and went.

Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury.

He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**SThanks be to God**

*THYWORD (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**

*Interpretation versus Inerrancy*

Rev. Todd Shultz and Rev. Vicky Starnes

**✠ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ✠**

**Song of Response**

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?

Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings. {Refrain}

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (3X)  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy, worthy! {Refrain}

TAG: All that You've done for me. (repeat) <sup>4</sup>

## Joys & Concerns

Gwen

## The Lord's Prayer

(sung responsively)

FWS 2248

## 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!*

## SOUL ON FIRE

*God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, {\*last time to TAG}  
till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat}*

*Lord, restore the joy I had I have a-wandered bring me back.  
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! {Repeat Chorus}*

*Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.  
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again! {Repeat Chorus}*

*TAG: God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire,  
till I am a soul on fire, till I am a soul on fire. <sup>5</sup>*

## ☞ We Are Sent into the World ☛

## \*Benediction

Vicky

**\*Sending Song**

ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

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. <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 Mary Helen Hollenbach by Bill & Brett;
- In loving memory of Andy and Mark Benson by Cathy Benson & Susan Jimenez.

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 recording 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 Autumn Reynolds

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

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Jean Waters, Loretta Mahan, Suzanne Krupa, Anita Broccolino, Joyce Pool, Bunny Maher

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