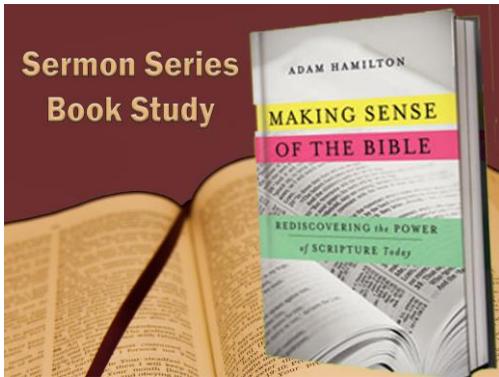


Worship Celebration: September 29, 2019

9:15 a.m. (CONTEMPORARY)

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

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



We welcome you to Epworth! Today we finish our sermon series on Making Sense of the Bible by looking at some of the most controversial topics. We will use what we have learned so far in this series in terms of interpretation and inspiration to unpack the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as address the leadership of women in the early church. We hope this series has helped all of us become more comfortable with reading this foundational book of our faith. We are blessed by your presence with us.

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

☩ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☩

Praise Gathering

CHAIN BREAKER

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles,  
if you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies,  
if you're trying to fill the same old holes inside, there's a better life, there's a better life.

*If you've got pain, He's a pain taker. If you feel lost, He's a way maker.*

*If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior.*

*If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.*

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night.  
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight.  
And we've all run to things we know just ain't right.  
And there's a better life, there's a better life. {Refrain}

If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify.  
If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.  
If you believe it, if you receive it, if you can feel it, somebody testify. {Refrain}

TAG: *Oh, if you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior.  
If you've got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker.*<sup>1</sup>

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

### \*Singing in Praise

#### TRUST IN YOU

Letting go of ev'ry single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.  
Ev'ry moment of my wandering never changes what You see.  
I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need Your rest.  
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,  
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,  
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You, I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.*

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings; there's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.  
So, in all things be my life and breath. I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less. {Chorus}

Bridge: I will trust in you.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand.  
You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.  
Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.  
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood. {Chorus}

TAG: I will trust in You. I will trust in You. I will trust in You.<sup>2</sup>

## Children's Celebration

Mickie McManamon

### ✠ 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}

## Hebrew Bible Lesson      Genesis 19:1-13, 23-25 (Common English Bible)

Linda Bruce

The two messengers entered Sodom in the evening.  
Lot, who was sitting at the gate of Sodom, saw them, got up to greet them, and bowed low.  
He said, "Come to your servant's house, spend the night, and wash your feet.  
Then you can get up early and go on your way."  
But they said, "No, we will spend the night in the town square."  
He pleaded earnestly with them, so they went with him and entered his house.

He made a big meal for them, even baking unleavened bread, and they ate.  
Before they went to bed, the men of the city of Sodom—everyone from the youngest to the oldest—surrounded the house and called to Lot, “Where are the men who arrived tonight? Bring them out to us so that we may have sex with them.”  
Lot went out toward the entrance, closed the door behind him, and said, “My brothers, don’t do such an evil thing.  
I’ve got two daughters who are virgins.  
Let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them whatever you wish.  
But don’t do anything to these men because they are now under the protection of my roof.”  
They said, “Get out of the way!”  
And they continued, “Does this immigrant want to judge us?  
Now we will hurt you more than we will hurt them.”  
They pushed Lot back and came close to breaking down the door.  
The men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house with them and slammed the door.  
Then the messengers blinded the men near the entrance of the house, from the youngest to the oldest, so that they groped around trying to find the entrance.  
The men said to Lot, “Who’s still with you here?  
Take away from this place your sons-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and everyone else you have in the city because we are about to destroy this place.  
The LORD has found the cries of injustice so serious that the LORD sent us to destroy it.”  
As the sun rose over the earth, Lot arrived in Zoar; and the LORD rained down burning asphalt from the skies onto Sodom and Gomorrah.  
The LORD destroyed these cities, the entire valley, everyone who lived in the cities, and all of the fertile land’s vegetation.

**Epistle Lesson**        *1 Corinthians 14:33b-35 (New Revised Standard Version)*

As in all the churches of the saints, women should be silent in the churches.  
For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate, as the law also says.  
If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home.  
For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

Brothers and Sisters,

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

**§Thanks 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**

*Dinosaurs, Tattoos, Women and Gays*

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☛

**Song of Response**

YOU SAY

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough,  
ev'ry single lie that tells me I will never measure up.  
Am I more than just the sum of ev'ry high and ev'ry low?  
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know. Oo, oh.

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing.  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak.  
You say I am held when I am falling short.  
And, when I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours,  
and I believe, oh, I believe, what You say of me. I believe.*

The only thing that matters now is ev'rything You think of me.  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity. Oo, oh. {Chorus}

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet.  
You'll have ev'ry failure, God; You'll have ev'ry victory. Oo, oh. {Chorus}

TAG: *Oh, I believe Yes, I believe what You say of me. I believe.* <sup>4</sup>

**Joys & Concerns & Morning Prayer (Mics Go Out Today)**

Rev. Jeannie Marsh

**The Lord's Prayer**

(sung responsively)

FWS 2248

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

Vicky

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Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

ALL MY HOPE

I've been held by the Savior. I've felt fire from above.  
I've been down to the river. I ain't the same; a prodigal returned.

*All my hope is in Jesus. Thank God that yesterday's gone.  
All my sins are forgiven. and I've been washed by the blood.*

I'm no stranger to the prison. I've worn shackles and chains.  
But I've been freed and forgiven. yes, I have. I'm not going back; I'll never be the same.  
That's why I sing: {Chorus}

There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man, break him down to his knees.  
God, I've been broken more than a time or two, yes, Lord.  
Then He picked me up and showed me what it means to be a man.  
Come on and sing: {Chorus 2X} <sup>5</sup>

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☞

Vicky

\*Benediction

\*Sending Song

THE RIVER

I know a place, where we can go, to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,  
I know a place, where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.  
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.  
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

*We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray, ay, ay.*

*Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.*

*Let's go down, down, down, to the river. You will leave changed.*

*Let's go down, down, down, to the river. Never the same.*

I've seen it move, in my own life, took me from dusty roads into paradise.  
All of my dirt, all of my shame, drowned in the streams that've made me born again.  
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.  
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh. {Chorus}

TAG 1: *Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Let's go down. {Chorus}*

TAG 2: *Oh, down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

*Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.*

*Down, down, down to the river.*

*Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.<sup>6</sup>*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*





Bulletins for the month of September are sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and:

- To my best friend, Ron, by Barbara Kurtz;
- In memory of her husband, Bill Young, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary (September 25) of his death by Diana Young.

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 Jiyanna Holt

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Usher Coordinator – Worship Pathway:

9:30: Reber Whitner, Stephanie Manos, Jayne Tamburello, Ginny Refsnider, James Floyd, Annette Predeaux

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