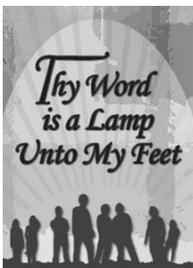


Sixth Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2013

Music Prelude	Glenda Teachey	
*Call To Worship "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"		#176
Welcome & Announcements		
*Procession "How Great Thou Art"		#77
Praises & Prayer Requests		
Hymn of Preparation "Hymn of Promise"		#707
Liturgy of the Word:		
New Testament Acts 8:4-13	Dawn Smith	
Psalms Psalm 145:1-9 (Responsively)		
<i>L: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i>		
P: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.		
<i>L: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.</i>		
P: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.		
<i>L: They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works.</i>		
P: They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds.		
<i>L: They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.</i>		
P: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.		
The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.		
Anthem "Pass It On" (Choir & Congregation)		#572
*Gospel John 13:31-35	Pastor Bill Faupel	
<i>L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.</i>		
P: Thanks be to God.		

"Do You Understand What You Are Reading?" Pastor Bill Faupel



When Philip was led by the Spirit to join with the Ethiopian eunuch he found the man reading the book of Isaiah. Philip asked him – "Do you understand what you are reading?" "How can I", he replied, "I have no one to interpret what it does mean." At Wesley, part of the exercises students do in class is to interpret the Bible using the "African Bible Study Method." Our students come from all over the world and from many cultural contexts. The

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students are asked to explain what a particular passage says to them in the culture in which they were raised. Without exception, they are amazed at the range of insights that come forth – and humbled by the rich and diverse way scripture speaks to us where we live. But this is only part of the process of bible study. There should be some correlation between what the author meant when he wrote it and what it means to us today. I will illustrate this in today's sermon. I will begin by reading a this passage from Acts taken from the "Cotton Patch" paraphrase of the New Testament written by Clarence Jordon back in the 1960's during the height of the Civil Rights movement. It is an excellent illustration of "what the bible means" in an almost contemporary context. I will then reflect on what Luke wanted to communicate when he wrote this account. Looking at what the Bible meant in the Roman Empire in the First Century and what it mean in America in the mid-20th century will shed insight on what it means to us in Ellicott City today.

***Affirmation of Faith** #886

Liturgy of the Table:

+Holy Communion

+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the server.

***Closing Hymn** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

***Blessing** Pastor Bill Faupel

***Benedictory Response** "My Tribute" #99

Postlude Glenda Teachey

Next Sunday's Scriptures:

Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 67; Acts 14:8-18; John 14:23-29

To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a "Meet & Greet" after the service...

We welcome you to worship with us again!



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