

Walter Brueggeman:

“But it (the flood) has effected an irreversible change in God, who now will approach his creation with unlimited patience and forbearance. ...The God world relation is not simply that of strong God and needy world. Now it is a tortured relation between the grieved God and a resistant world. And of the two, the real changes are in God.”¹

Special Notes for Today:

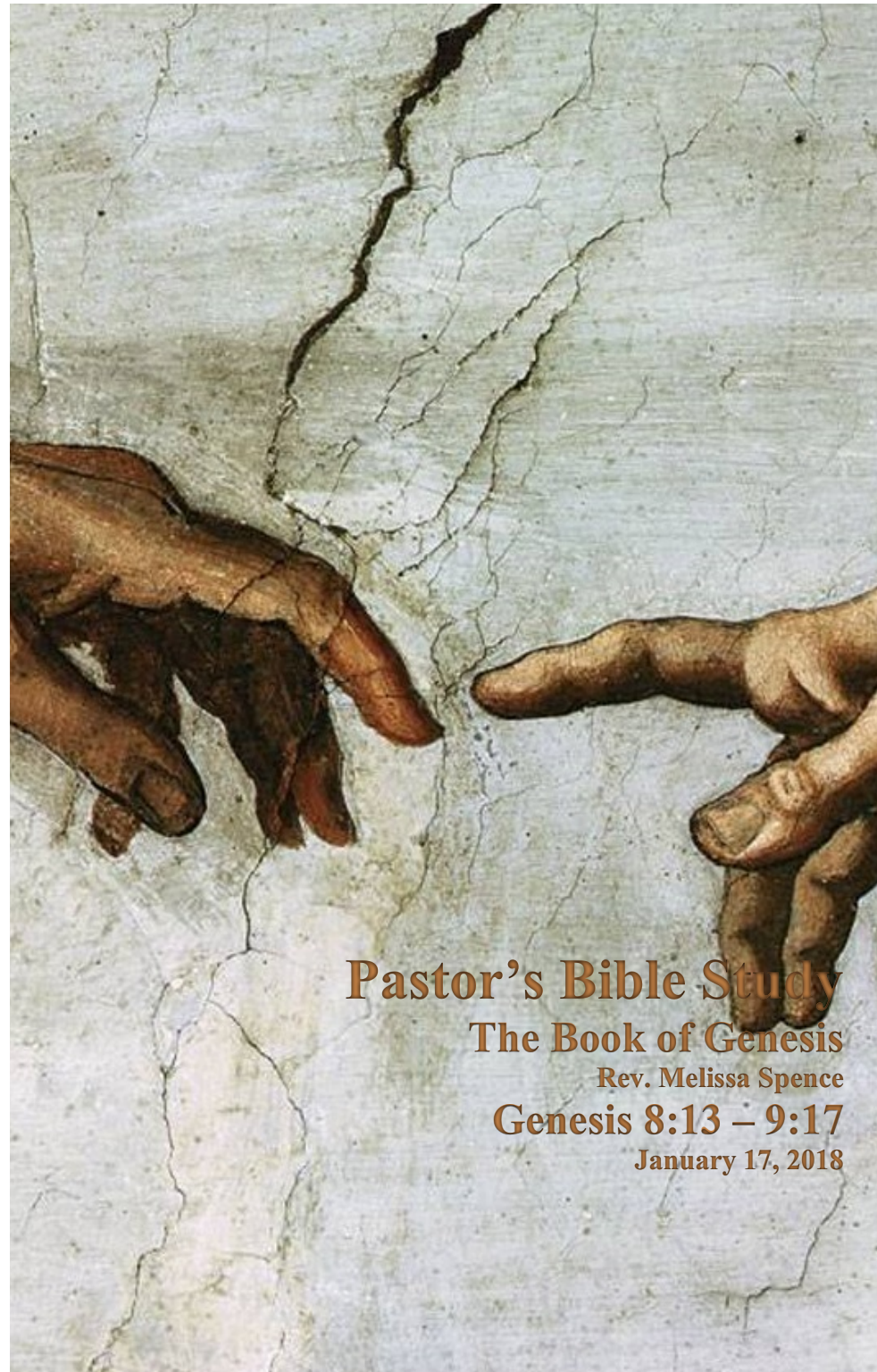
At 11:30am – Celebration of Communion in the Sanctuary

At 8:00pm – Contemplative Encounter in Sanctuary (celebration of communion and Labyrinth experience)

Next Week: Pastor Jessica Stryko on Gen 9:18 – 10:32

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¹ Brueggemann, *Genesis*, 81.



Pastor's Bible Study

The Book of Genesis

Rev. Melissa Spence

Genesis 8:13 – 9:17

January 17, 2018

New Year's Day!

Reversing Creation:

People, Animals, Birds

Gen 1:21-22, 28

Building an Altar (8:20-21)

First altar

Clean vs. Unclean

Blessing vs. Curse

Gen 3:17 – Adam and Eve

Blessing: the bestowing of privilege, right, responsibility, or favor upon some portion of the creation, by God or by one whom God has blessed.

Curse: the shattering of the divine relationship

God's suffering love

Cosmic collapse reordered

Creation Renewed (9:1-7)

Gen 1-2: Chaos to Ideal Order

Gen 6-9: Chaos to Reality

Fear of animals

No longer vegetarians

Violence in God's creation

Retributive vs. restorative justice

Transformation of God

Covenant (Gen 9:8-17)

First of Three

1. Noah Covenant (Gen 9:8-17)
2. Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 17:1-27)
3. Israel at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 31:12-17)

Initiated by God

Distinctive Features:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.