



## A FALL BIBLE STUDY

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**Grace United Church of Christ  
Frederick, MD**

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT: A Beginner's  
Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven -- A Fall, 2023**

Study of Jesus's Famous Sermon from the gospel of Matthew

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Six Thursdays in September and October

Sept. 21, 28, and Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2023

Thursday Evening Sessions: 7:00 – 8: 15 p.m.

by Zoom -- A Recurring Zoom Link will be provided for the entire series

“In “Sermon on the Mount,” Dr. Amy-Jill Levine (University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science) encourages all readers, both Christians and those outside Christian communions, to reexamine the Sermon on the Mount—the large block of Jesus’s teachings found in chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew.”

“Recognizing how little most readers understand about Jesus’s first-century Jewish context, Dr. Levine (who prefers to be called AJ) guides readers through the Sermon section by section, and in doing so helps them to read it ‘as teaching given by one Jew to fellow Jews.’ She says, “if we get Jesus’s context wrong, we’ll get him wrong.” This suggests if we get the context right, we will discover much more meaning in his words and teachings.

Aided by a ten-minute video for each of the six sessions and the materials offered by AJ in A “small” book **The book by Amy-Jill Levine is available to purchase (\$12 payable to Grace UCC) BUT not necessary for your participation.**

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