

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

The painting above by twin brothers Alan and Aaron Hicks, captures that moment in the gospels when a woman reaches out beyond fear and social isolation to seek healing from Jesus. You can find this piece, and portrayals of many other Biblical scenes, at the Hicks' website, along with this invitation from them: "Enjoy the gift God gave us as much as we have enjoyed being used by our Savior!" <u>https://www.twinhicks.com/</u>

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

J.S Bach

WELCOME



GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- L Let us pray together:
- C Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

Kathleen Keyes

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the terrible conditions in Jerusalem after the Babylonian siege in 587 B.C. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age).

At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chelsea

Pastor Chelsea Globe

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY



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PRAYERS

- A Let us come before the triune God in prayer. *Petitions are offered that end with*:
 - A Lord, in your mercy,
 - C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

- A We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

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OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

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For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

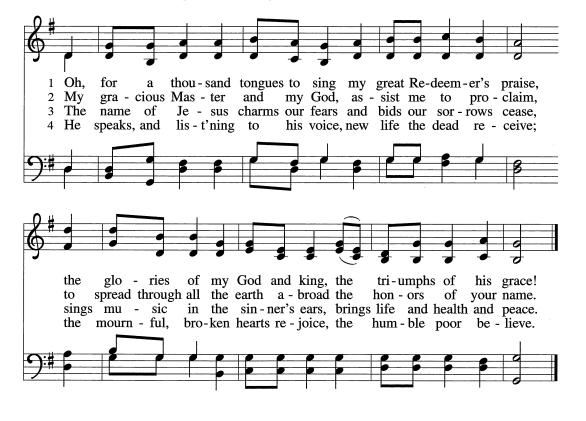
- P Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
- To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.
- P Go in peace, You are the body of Christ
- **C** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

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James Jelasic, piano

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME PASTOR CHELSEA GLOBE

We welcome to our pulpit today Pastor Chelsea Globe. Pastor Globe was recently called to serve as Lutheran Campus Pastor at the UW, and she will preach the gospel and give the children's message.

PASTOR ERIK ON VACATION

Pastor Erik is on vacation and will return to the office on 6/29. He will then serve as the Pastor of the Week at Camp Lutherwood July 4-9 during family camp.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

The Safe Opening Task Force will be meeting on June 29, and we will have an update for the Peace Notes later that week. The Creation Care Team will be meeting on June 30.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.

As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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