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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . "Healer of Our Every Ill"

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

INVOCATION

P: We gather to celebrate the joy in our lives.

All: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

P: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

All: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

P: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We wait for God, our souls wait for Our Creator,

All: and find hope in God's word.

L: Our souls wait for God

All: more than those who watch for the morning.

L: More than those who watch for the morning.

All: Let us seek hope in our God,

L: whose power is enduring love,

All: whose redemption brings healing and grace.

L: We wait for God,

All: and find our hope in God's presence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: God of Grace, we come to you in search of healing.

All: We come to you in search of peace.

P: We come, often bearing only a tiny seed of hope within, praying that it is enough.

All: Our cries come in the deepest part of the night, and we do not always ask for help.

P: Our hearts bleed just as surely as our bodies, and we do not always recognize the hidden pain of others.

All: Or even our own.

P: Sometimes we struggle to find our faith at all, and forget that doubt, too, is a part of belief.

All: Give us courage enough to reach out for the hem of your cloak.

P: Give us strength enough to speak the truth of our own struggles,

All: and to see and hear and know the struggles of others.

P: Forgive us when we think you only want us if we're perfect.

All: Fill us with your endless supply of love, so that we might try again. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: Christ gave us his weakness, that we might become strong.

All: He gave us the wealth of his wisdom, that we might know what is true.

P: Christ offered his own vulnerability, making himself defenseless,

All: that we might actually learn love.

P: It is the faith Christ has given us that has made us well; the power of God's love that heals and redeems.

All: There is forgiveness in God, and a hope that makes us whole.

LITANY . . . by Rev. Susan A. Blain

L: God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself;

All: or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.

L: Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

Silence for Reflection

L: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

All: God have mercy.

L: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

All: Christ have mercy.

L: When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

All: God have mercy.

L: God's mercies are fresh every morning.

All: In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.

All: 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. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: May the words of my mouth...

All: and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

GOSPEL . . . *Mark* 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and 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." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd

pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And 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. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: God of Mercy, you believe in us, and offer us love to change our lives.

All: Help us now believe in you, whether fearful and trembling or confidently at peace.

Reader: May your word be alive in our souls, so that hope may not die.

All: but only sleep for awhile, waiting to awake.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: With grateful hearts, let us share a portion of the bounty God has given us.

All: We do so as an act of faith, and in support of God's work in this congregation and the world.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious One, you have given us a love that stretches farther than we can see or even believe.

All: You have given us a grace and a forgiveness that is deeper than our vulnerabilities.

L: You have given us a healing and a hope that makes us whole.

All: Take now the offerings of our hearts and our lives, even as we give away all you have given us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us come before the triune God in prayer. God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick. Surround them with your unwavering presence. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: We have waited for God, and God has not failed us.

All: We have reached for Christ, and he has met us where we are.

P: Go in peace, to love and to serve, healed and free.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: We conclude with the Dismissal:

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SINGING BOWL

Pastor: Tim Huff

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