**Saginaw First Free Methodist Church**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 20, 2021**



*“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…”*

*(Mark 5:27-29a)*

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**PROPER 8 (13)**

**June 27, 2021**

**Prelude**

**\*\*Greeting/Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (*spoken responsively*)

L: Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful ones

**P: We give thanks to God’s holy name**

L: Rejoice in the Lord, who has drawn you up

**P: We cried to God for help, and we were healed**

L: The Lord is our gracious helper

**P: We will tell of God’s faithfulness in our distress**

L: God turns our mourning into dancing

**P: God took our weeping and clothed us with joy**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Great is The Lord” #69 (vv. 1-2)

**Great is the Lord**

**He is holy and just**

**By His power we trust**

**In His love**

**Great is the Lord**

**He is faithful and true**

**By His mercy He proves**

**He is love**

**Great is the Lord**

**And worthy of glory**

**Great is the Lord**

**And worthy of praise**

**Great is the Lord**

**Now lift up your voice**

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**Great are you Lord**

**And worthy of glory**

**Great are you Lord**

**And worthy of praise**

**Great are you Lord**

**I lift up my voice**

**I lift up my voice**

**Great are you Lord**

**Great are you Lord**

**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

L: Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. Restored the world to wholeness, that we may live out our calling as your resurrection people, as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples…

**P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father​**

**And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning​**

**Is now and ever shall be**

**World without end**

**Amen. Amen**

**Old Testament Scripture Lesson:** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.)

He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

**Prayer of Confession**

L: We are called to excel in faith, hope, and love. Just as Christ was generous, so we are called to be genuine in our actions of love. Act with mercy so our spirits may grow calm, our vision be clear, and our purpose be unified…

**P:** **For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it. God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. Amen.**

**Affirmation of Faith:** Psalm 113

**P: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, God gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!**

**Hymn of Affirmation:** “Just As I Am” #343 (vv.1,3,5)

**Just as I am, without one plea**

**But that Thy blood was shed for me**

**And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee**

**O Lamb of God, I come! I come**

**Just as I am, though tossed about**

**With many a conflict, many a doubt**

**Fighting and fears within without**

**O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am, Thy love unknown**

**Hath broken ev’ry barrier down**

**Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone**

**O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**New Testament Scripture Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you--so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something, now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has--not according to what one does not have.

I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in Your Mercy…

**P: Hear our prayer.**

**Gospel Lesson**: 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.

**Sermon**

**Prayer of Response**

**Hymn of Response:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #51 (vv.1-3)

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing**

**Tune my heart to sing thy grace**

**Streams of mercy, never ceasing**

**Call for songs of loudest praise**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet**

**Sung by flaming tongues above**

**Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it**

**Mount of God’s unchanging love**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer**

**Hither by thy help I've come**

**And I hope, by thy good pleasure**

**Safely to arrive at home**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger**

**Wandering from the fold of God**

**He, to rescue me from danger**

**Interposed His precious blood**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor**

**Daily I'm constrained to be**

**Let that grace, now like a fetter**

**Bind my yielded heart to Thee**

**Let me know Thee in Thy fullness**

**Guide me by Thy mighty hand**

**Till transformed in Thine own image**

**In Thy presence I shall stand**

**Invitation of Offering**

L:Many are compelled to seek for help. Give for those who live in the darkness of despair, may know the power of the one who conquered fear and death, as we collect this morning’s tithes and offerings.

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

**\*Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**: “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” #560 (vv.1,4)

**‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus**

**Just to take Him at His Word**

**Just to rest upon His promise**

**Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him**

**How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er**

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus**

**Oh, for grace to trust Him more**

**I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee**

**Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend**

**And I know that He is with me**

**Will be with me to the end**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him**

**How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er**

**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus**

**Oh, for grace to trust Him more**

**\*Benediction**

L: God gives life and saves from the bond of sin and death. Many are looking for this good news. Join the Holy Spirit in loving beyond all wisdom. Be new light and life in the world, as you go in peace to love and serve. Amen.