

June 11, 2023

“The Center of Jesus’ Ministry: a Tale of Two Daughters”

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

300 E. Oak Street, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Worship: 10:00 AM

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SEASON OF PENTACOST

1. GATHERING

“The genius of Jesus’ ministry is that he embraces tragedy, suffering, pain, betrayal, and death itself to bring us to God. There are no dead ends. Everything can be transmuted, and everything can be used. Everything.”
— Richard Rohr

Musical Prelude (Geoff)

Call to Worship - #877 (Lynette)

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Enter our silences.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Into the depths of our longing.

All: Come Holy Spirit,

L: Unmask our pretending. Enter our trusting,

Enter our fearing,

Enter our letting go,

Enter our holding back.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Embrace and free us.

Opening Prayer - #879 (Lynette)

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

- **Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.
- **People:** And also, with you.
- **All:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Matthew Mark 5: 21-42

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. 22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 23 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." 24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. 26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." 29 Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" 31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 He looked all around to see who had done it. 33 But the woman,

knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

35 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?" 36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39 When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." 40 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.

41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" 42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.



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Religious purity is not to be measured by how well we follow rules and by what or whom we avoid. Instead, purity in the Jesus community, is based upon how we treat the outcast, our hunger for justice and the depth of our love for one another.

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

Response (everyone)

Joys and Concerns (everyone)

Offering & Music (Geoff)

Sending - #1066 (Steve)

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." — Margaret Mead

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace." — Jimi Hendrix