



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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July 13, 2022

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



This Weekend's Worship – 10:00 am

Summer Series: I've Been Meaning to Ask...

Sermon: Where Does It Hurt? Part 2

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Prayer of Preparation

God our rock, you hear the cries of your people.
Help us to also listen and persist in prayer,
confident in your steadfast love. Amen.

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where does it hurt?

Church Birthdays

Jul. 13-Gus Hill, 16-Cyd
Grafft, 18-Sue Luck, 20-
Ava Wells, Miles Braley,
22-Doug Lawry, 23-Jan
Thedens

About our Summer Worship Series:

I've Been Meaning to Ask... Where Does It Hurt? Mark 5:21-43

An Artist's Reflection by Hannah Garrity

In this image, syringes, vaccine vials, masks, and Holy Spirit doves pour down the page from Jesus' hem to the woman's hand—a cacophony of biblical and medical miracles. During the global COVID-19 pandemic, scientists, doctors, and nurses stepped into their roles with gusto. They had no other choice; they were called to the work by God as Her disciples. Residual epidemics of systemic colonialist oppression have become painfully apparent across the globe and in all of our localities. *Where does it hurt? How can I help?*



Medical Miracle
by Hannah Garrity
Inspired by Mark 5:21-43
Paper lace

Over the course of history, the hemorrhaging woman in the crowd has been depicted in a subservient role in many of the art pieces inspired by this Mark text. It infuriates me that she is considered unclean because of her medical condition. Having just spent a year in effective quarantine, I also understand why we need to have medical care for conditions that could make others sick. It's a public health crisis. It is complex. *Where does it hurt? How can I help?*

Despite her condition, God calls her to this place; she had no other choice. I am inspired by her bravery. God calls her to demand the care she needs and the dignity she deserves. The power of her presence is palpable. In this way, the physical placement of the woman's hand among the feet of the crowd exhibits her power—the power of her presence. Jesus knew immediately that she had touched him; a position of equity. God's call, her demand for this miracle, and her belief in it made it possible. Who, by their presence, is demanding me to act on my call from God? What is my role as a disciple in this time of global pain? Am I stepping into my role with gusto? Who needs me to ask, "Where does it hurt?"

For Your prayers...

Kevin Thedens
Mary McCalley

Notice...

The deadline for hygiene kit donations is this Sunday, July 17.

Volunteers can sign up anytime online:

Greeter Sign Up:
[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)

Worship Leader Sign Up:
[Sign Up Genius: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Nancy Hoppe

Greeters: Gus & Shirley Hill

Videographer: Gary Clark

Computer Operator: Rob Cline

Misc. Maintenance: Jim Seeley, Gary Clark

Lawn Mowing: Gary Clark

(Mowing the week of **7/10**-Jim Seeley)

CHILDCARE ANNOUNCEMENT!

With the lack of need for childcare in the nursery this summer, the choice has been made to suspend childcare until children's programming resumes in September. In the meantime, families are welcome to use the chapel as a quiet area to care for small children. Changing tables are in the narthex restrooms.

Greetings Friends,

I guess we're all experiencing the hot, humid weather. The Clive swimming pool outside my windows is being well used. We celebrated the 4th of July holiday all week. Mark is keeping busy helping with clean-up at the park and the food bank. I also appreciate the First Pres. videos.

Love to all,

Mary McCalley

SHINE Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers to help teach Sunday SHINE this year! We will have easy to follow lesson plans available each Sunday. The amount of teaching time is brief, but would bring much joy to your week! You would be working with another volunteer or member of the CYF Ministry Committee to teach a small group of kids. You can volunteer only once, or on a regularly scheduled basis. If you are interested in this fun opportunity, please contact us to help.



Personal Hygiene Kits Drive

Community Ministries is collecting personal hygiene products for Eye of the Needle. Products requested are:

bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant
(only those items, please.)

Donations can be left in the marked baskets inside the north entrance until **this Sunday, July 17.**

We will pack donated items into hygiene kits following worship on July 24. These kits will be given to students and families along with school uniforms and shoes as part of Eye of the Needle's school uniform drive.



Monetary donations accepted! Make the checks payable to the church with 'hygiene kits' on the memo and we'll do the shopping for you!

Update from Working for Justice: Breaking Bias

The Working for Justice: Breaking Bias group will be reading the book *Organizing Church: Grassroots Practices for Embodying Change in Your Congregation, Your Community, and Our World* by Tim Conder & Dan Rhodes over the summer. We decided we want to explore faith community organizing.

We will resume regular meetings in September and plan to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10-11 AM, either in-person or by Zoom. Meetings are planned for September 7 and 21, October 5 and 19, November 2 and 16, and December 7 and 21.

New members are always welcome to join our meetings.