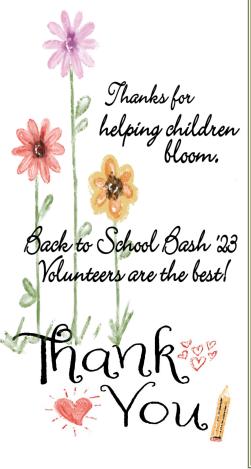


*The Way...* The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way.* This weekly publication is provided to show how our congregations are living *The Way* today. The Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2023





#### Fear and faith, together

"I have a lot of faith and a lot of fear a lot of the time," writes Anne Lamott in *Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace* (Riverhead Books). As usual, the author tells it like it is.

In Mark 9:14-27, Jesus does that too, spewing frustration about his disciples' inability to heal a boy riddled with convulsions: "You faithless people! ... How long must I put up with you?" Jesus pulls no punches.

When Jesus tells the boy's father, "All things can be done for the one who believes," the man is also surprisingly frank. Had I been desperate for my child's healing, I probably would've fallen all over myself professing more belief than I actually had. But this father replies, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief." And Jesus heals the boy.

God doesn't expect us to have 100-percent-certain belief all the time. I suspect he finds our honest mix of fear and faith refreshing. And it might reassure other Christians who are struggling, as well. —Heidi Mann

# More than skin deep

Gratitude, said Martin Luther, is "the basic Christian attitude." Yet gratitude is much more than a state of mind. Often it's a decision, and it becomes an act of humility when we recognize our depravity — and our need for a Savior.

The 10 disgraced lepers who beg Jesus for mercy (see Luke 17:11-19) are described as allogenes, Greek for "outcast." (All humans, sick with sin, fit that description!) The leper who returned to give thanks received more than just physical healing, according to Scripture. When Jesus says, "Your faith has made you well," he uses the Greek that means "Your faith has saved you." The grateful leper, recognizing his depravity, humbly decides to return and give thanks, knowing through faith — that his skin and his soul have been healed.



Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge, hot drink station and the snack counter in fellowship hall all benefit the Back to School Bash.



Terri Jarboe ~ 30th Will & Heather Scott ~ 30th Phil Scott ~ 1st Beau Dilbeck ~ 3rd Karen Windell ~ 3rd Brandon Foster ~ 3rd Lesa Prater ~ 5th

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Mark 5: 24-43

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#### **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at Fort Branch First.



 $\uparrow$  Indicates location is Blythe Chapel  $\Omega$  Indicates location is First UMC

#### This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship 10:30am Ω Worship & Live streaming worship <u>Monday:</u> ~ Office Closed ~ <u>Tuesday:</u> <u>Wednesday:</u> <u>Thursday:</u> <u>Friday:</u> ~ Office Closed ~ <u>Saturday:</u> 8am-12pm Ω Church Yard Sale

Next Sunday:

9:00am + Worship 10:30am Ω Worship & Live streaming worship

Complete Schedule @ <u>www.fbfirst.org</u>



Next Sunday's Message:

"Spiritual Healing Faith," Mark 5:25-34





# Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

#### PRELUDE

# \*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US\*HYMN # 452My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#### **\*GREETING AND PRAYER**

We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord. Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in your row.

#### PRAYERS SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS PRAYER HYMN #453 More Love to Thee, O Christ

#### PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts \*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY**:

> Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

#### **CHILDRENS MOMENT**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Jenna Schleter ~ *Broken Vessels* 

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON insert Mark 5:25-34 NLT

MESSAGE *"Healing in Response to Faith, Part 2"* 

\*HYMN #454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

\*BLESSING Pastor \*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

### \*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn # 717 The Battle Hymn of the Republic, chorus Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

\*PASSING THE PEACE: Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE





Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Deanna Wilson, Don Colvin, Gretchen Young, Effie Dilbeck, June Regenhold, Margie Beal, Lesa Prater, Brian Price, Roger & Nancy Jones, Triston, Tegan, Chad Windell, Pastor John, Kristi Pflug, Thelma & Len Robicheaux,

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## Mark 5:25-34 NLT

<sup>25</sup> A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. <sup>28</sup> For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be

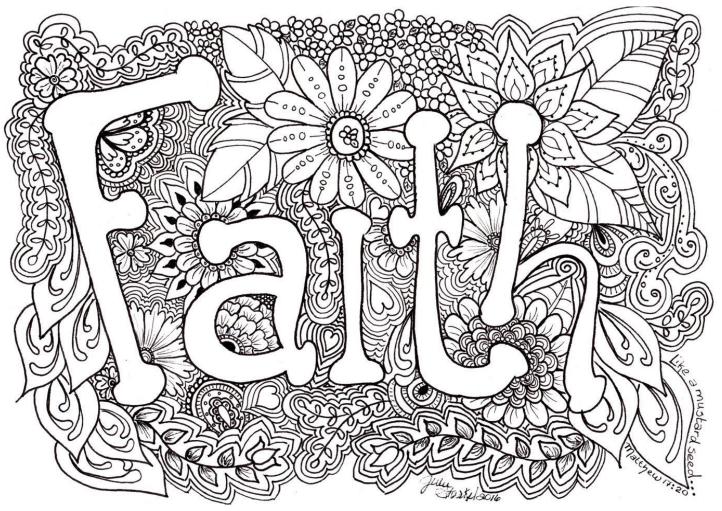
healed." <sup>29</sup> Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"

<sup>31</sup> His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

<sup>32</sup> But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. <sup>34</sup> And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God. *Thanks be to God!* 



Listening Guide "Healing in Response to Faith – Part 2" July 30, 2023	
Scripture: Mark 5:25-34	
How is this woman's faith exercised?	
Reached out to	
	"If I but touch his clothes,
Received (vs. 28-30)	<b>J will be made well."</b> Mark 5:28, NRSV
Through (vs. 31-34)	

**Personal Application:** This is one of two healing events based on faith in Jesus. Is that where you place your faith? Can you give examples?