

# MUMC At-Home Worship:

May 3, 2020

Take heart!

As we continue in a worship series centered in Jesus' words to those in difficult times, I hope you find a spirit of comfort and encouragement. There are all manner of troubles in our living, both now and always, yet one consistent God who is with us through it all. You are in my prayers that we might all know the abundance of Christ's presence which binds us together with the children of God the world around even as we are still physically apart.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

-Pastor Dillon

*If available, place a candle in the center of your gathering space and light it with this prayer:*

Dear God, may our worship prepare us to take heart and courageously live our faith in a conquered world. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, United Methodist Hymnal #400 – [watch/listen online](#)

**Centering Scripture:** "I've said these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have distress. But take heart! I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

**Scripture:** Matthew 9:18-26

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Reflect:**

1. Both the ruler and the woman believe that touching Jesus is sufficient for healing (v.18 "place your hand on her..." and v.21 "touch his robe..."). What are some ways we might reach out to touch Jesus today?
2. Like the paralytic in last week's scripture, Jesus greets today's woman as a child (daughter/son). How do you imagine this felt for them? How does it feel for you to count yourself as a child of God?
3. Jesus says it is the woman's faith that has healed her after twelve years of illness. What might be some ways we can hold to our faith, as she did, for an extended time of struggle or challenges?

**Hymn:** *Nearer, My God, to Thee* (v.1, United Methodist Hymnal #528 – [watch/listen online](#))

**Prayer Requests:** Share prayer requests and have a moment of silent prayer

**Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** *How Firm a Foundation*, United Methodist Hymnal #529 – [watch/listen online](#)

**Closing Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for your healing presence. Help us take heart and draw close to you this week. In your holy name we pray, Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***  
**United Methodist Hymnal #400**

1. 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 thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm 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.
3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

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**Matthew 9:18-26 (CEB)**

While Jesus was speaking to them, a ruler came and knelt in front of him, saying, "My daughter has just died. But come and place your hand on her, and she'll live." So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. Then a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his clothes. She thought, If I only touch his robe I'll be healed.

When Jesus turned and saw her, he said, "Be encouraged, daughter. Your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that time on.

When Jesus went into the ruler's house, he saw the flute players and the distressed crowd. He said, "Go away, because the little girl isn't dead but is asleep"; but they laughed at him. After he had sent the crowd away, Jesus went in and touched her hand, and the little girl rose up. News about this spread throughout that whole region.

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*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

**United Methodist Hymnal #528**

1. Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be,  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
yet in my dreams I'd be  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
3. There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;  
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;  
angels to beckon me  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
4. Then, with my waking thoughts bright with  
thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
so by my woes to be  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
5. Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,  
still all my song shall be,  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

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*How Firm a Foundation*

**United Methodist Hymnal #529**

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee  
to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee  
to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways  
shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor  
to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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