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READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

PRAYER LIST

<u>TLC</u> DISCIPLES Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Linda Leslie, Jim Knapp, Cleo Campbell

<u>TLC FRIENDS</u> Mike, Jayne, Alan, Steve, Jeff, Rita Shetler, Ed Campbell & family

STARTING NEXT WEEKEND - JUNE 5/6, 2021

Saturday, June 5th at 5:00 pm Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, June 6th 8:15 am Indoor Worship Service 9:30 am Outdoor Worship Service

If attending the outdoor services, please remember to bring a lawn chair, mask and social distance.

If attending the indoor service, please remember to bring a mask and social distance. Let us know if you need help with your chair or no longer have a lawn chair. We can assist with that.

TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 30 9:00 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion 10:30 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin **Recorded & Emailed** Monday, May 31 MEMORIAL DAY **TUESDAY, JUNE 1** 5:30 PM Executive Team Zoom 5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba THURSDAY, JUNE 3 5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba FRIDAY, JUNE 4 3:00 pm Beach Calling Group SATURDAY, JUNE 5 10:00 am Outdoor Zumba 5:00 pm Outdoor Worship w/Communion (in Fellowship Hall if raining) SUNDAY, JUNE 6 8:15 am Indoor Worship w/Communion 9:30 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin **Recorded & Emailed**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May 29/30, 2021

Dear Beloved of God,

After Jesus healed the woman of her 12 years of hemorrhaging, he resumed his initial task of healing the little 12-year-old girl at the request of her father. In both cases, the Hebrew culture would have considered the woman and the girl as dispensable. The woman, due to her condition would have been viewed as "unclean" and even cursed of God. No man would touch her and thus she would not have been able to fulfill her "God-given duty to have children." Thus, no value to the society. The little girl, not quite old even to be given in marriage, even if committed, was of no value for similar reasons but also because she was not an adult. Nonetheless, Jesus heals them both and both are made whole. To read the whole story go to Luke 8:40-56.

When I read stories like this in the Bible, I sometimes wonder what the outcome of life was for these people. Did the woman ever get married and what happened to the little girl. For good or ill, the Bible does not tell us, which I think is a good thing. Not telling "the rest of the story," as Paul Harvey used to say, affords us an opportunity to read ourselves into the narrative. We can speculate on what happened, allows us to create and apply the truth to our own lives.

As you may recall from last week, I was scheduled to have hernia surgery this past week. The procedure went extremely well. Arriving at 6:10 am, I was prepped for the operation by several nurses. Both the surgeon and the anesthesiologist doctors stopped to see me. When one of the operating room nurses told me, she was going to put a medication in my IV to relax me, I assured her that as tired as I was it would surely "push me over the edge." It did! I remember lying in the bed and being wheeled out into the hallway, but beyond that, nothing until they were waking me in recovery!

Fortunately, I have had very little pain or swelling. The surgeon had told me he would make my naval from an "outy" to an "inny", which he has. I can now wear bikinis again!!! Isn't that a scary thought?! I'll just let you ponder that picture in your mind! I'm sure you will carry it with you all day: me in a bikini! Is it one of those "little yellow poke-a-dot" ones?

Anyway, I just want to share with everyone on the rest of my story, or at least a quick update. Like the woman and the little girl in the story from Luke, having one's health (or life) restored is an amazing experience. Life is a beautiful gift from God and one we ought not take lightly or for granted! I am reminded of that this week and, no doubt will remember that when I consider my healed naval (with or without the bikini!)!

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this time! Please, know such was deeply appreciated by me and made all the difference in the world!

As God has richly blessed me in many ways here at Trinity, particularly through you, I pray his richest blessings to you and yours as we share this life, this world, this faith together!

Love, joy and peace,



