



**Two Tales of Two Touches**  
**January 29, 2023**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Montrose, CO

*We are people called together by Christ to celebrate God in worship, grow together through discipleship and bring others to Christ.*

January 29, 2023

9:30 a.m.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME STORIES OF GRACE-FILLED JESUS INTERACTIONS

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### **Meditation**

Faith makes a woman whole. Faith raises a father's daughter, who all feared was dead. Believing in Jesus, the woman touches his garment as he passes. She feels a healing power within her, and she is well again. The child's father, too, believes in Jesus' miraculous power and intercedes for her. Jesus goes to the little girl and touches her, and she regains consciousness. Faith involves reaching out for help. It also involves hope despite impossible situations. Jesus taught how to reach out and hope in God.

*~James G. Kirk, When We Gather*

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**Prelude Music** - Leigh Mahoney

**Welcome and Invitation to Worship**

**The Sound of a Bell, a Moment of Silence**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship\*** (*Re-Worship*)

Leader: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather.

**All: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.**

Leader: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope.

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**All: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.**

**Leader:** With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait.

**All: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

### **Songs of Worship\***

O Come To The Alter

No Longer Slaves

(Please be seated)

### **Prayer of Confession**

(Australian Prayer Book)

**Leader:** Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help.

**All: We confess that we have wandered from your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.**

**Leader:** You alone can save us. Have mercy on us.

**All: Wipe away our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God! Amen.

### **Passing of the Peace**

One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace. Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and voices in the ways of peace. At these times, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, "The peace of the Lord be with you," and receive the words in turn, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. (Col. 1:20-21).

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## **Offering**

Please consider tithing during this part of the service. You can also tithe electronically by going to the "Give" tab on our website.

## **Sermon Text**

Mark 5: 21-34 - *Hannah Stetson*

## **Message**

"Two Tales of Two Touches" - *Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Song of Sending\***

Build Your Kingdom Here

### **Life in the Body** (*Announcements*)

### **Blessing and Benediction\***

### **Postlude**

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## **Life in the Body (Announcements)**

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to have you here with us today.
- Join us for our monthly potluck today immediately after the service. Please don't worry if you do not have a dish to share. There is always plenty of food and we want to spend some time with you!
- The new year is upon us and we are looking for both youth and adult volunteers for the Nursery. If this is something you are able to help with, please sign up for any one or more Sundays of your choice. The sign up sheet can be found on the table in the foyer as you come in the front door.
- If preparing a meal is more up your alley, the youth group shares a meal together every Sunday and would appreciate your gift. If you are interested in providing a meal or two, please get in touch with Kay Schritter at (970) 209-1874.
- If you would like to see what other events or Bible Studies are taking place in our church body, you can find more information by going to:  
<https://fpcmontrose.churchcenter.com/calendar> or by picking up a copy in the foyer.

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