

July 11, 2021

I've been meaning to ask... where does it hurt?



RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Here in this space, we wear our hearts on our sleeves.

C: There is no use in filters or walls. This space is authentic space.

L: This space is brave space.

C: For when it comes to God, we are always invited to bring our full selves into this space to worship.

L: So come into this space with your hurt and your joy, your prayers and your dreams.

C: All God's children are welcome.

L: Let us worship Holy God.

MUSIC: *Gather Us In* ELW #532 v. 1

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of the day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

CONFESSION | TRUTH TELLING AND FORGIVENESS

P: When we gather together we are quick to wave and say hello, to pass the peace, to comment on the weather, to make small talk and show hospitality; but how often do we go below the surface? How often do we sit next to the same people, week after week, oblivious to the things they might be carrying?

PULPIT SIDE: I've been meaning to ask...

**ORGAN SIDE: How are you? What has your year been like?
Did you know that I have been thinking of you?**

PULPIT: I've been meaning to ask...

**ORGAN: Is your mom okay? Did your sister find a job?
Did you ever think we'd still be here?**

PULPIT: I've been meaning to ask...

ORGAN: Did it get easier? Did the grief subside?
Were you ever able to sleep at night?

PULPIT: I've been meaning to ask but I haven't –

ORGAN: Because it's hard. Because I want to say the right thing.
Because I'm not sure what you need.

PULPIT: I've been meaning to ask, so I'm sorry for my silence.

ORGAN: Forgive me. Show me where it hurts.

PULPIT: Let's start again.

ORGAN: Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts.

Pastor: Take a moment of silent prayer to think of people in your world,
in your lives, who may need you to reach out and ask. Give their name to God.
(Pause for silent prayer)

All: Trusting that God hears all things, we say together, Amen.

P: Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for this endless grace. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We read together*

Holy God, today we read stories of those who have known hurt – people who have carried shame, who have lived with grief and chronic illness, who have felt alone and ignored, who have seen the depths of suffering. As we listen, remind us that our neighbors, our siblings in faith also come to this space carrying burdens. Dust off our ears and stretch open the canvases of our hearts so that in our pain, we might lean into one another as we lean into you. Amen.

SIT

READING: 1 SAMUEL 1:1-18

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ²He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

³Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. ⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?' > >

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹ She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴ So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' ¹⁸ And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. HERE ENDS THE READING.

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

STAND

HYMN: *Healer of Our Every Ill* ELW #612 vss. 1,4

REFRAIN **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

1 **You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.** REFRAIN

4 **You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.** REFRAIN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On my best days, I believe that God is there – standing in the sun with me, laughing a contagious laugh and cheering me on. On my hardest days, I believe that God is there – standing in the rain with me, holding me up and sharing in my grief. No matter where I go – in joy or in loss, in pain or in love, in heartache or in gratitude – I believe that God is there, leaning in, noticing where it hurts, and carrying me through it. And so, I believe we are called to care for each other as God cares for us. On your best days in the sun and on your worst days in the rain, I will do my best to be there for you too. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.
Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

OFFERING OF GIFTS & OFFERING PRAYER

P. Faithful God,

All: thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS *PETITION RESPONSE: We thank you Lord.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE — *(We gather...)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION — COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

P: Family of faith, as you leave this place may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak the truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.

All: Amen.

HYMN - *Thy Holy Wings* ELW #613 v. 1,3

- 1 **Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.**

- 3 **Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.**

RINGING OF BELL

DISMISSAL L: In the name of the Great Connector – Love itself – go in peace.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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Sun/July 11	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/July 11	7 pm	AA
Wed/July 14	6 pm	WED WORSHIP – outdoors, weather permitting
Wed/July 14	6:30 pm	Ed/You
Thu/July 15	6:30 pm	Stewardship
Thu/July 15	7 pm	AA
Sun/July 18	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed

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