

\*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE  
Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

**PROCLAIMING**

SERMON “A Story of Two Touches” Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

**RESPONDING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING  
Paul challenged the church at Corinth to recognize their abundance that they might share with those in need. God calls us to give out of our bounty, that all might have enough to live on without fear. With eager hearts, let us joyfully give out of our abundance.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER  
**Gracious One, you have given us a love that stretches farther than we can see or even believe. You have given us a grace and a forgiveness that is deeper than our vulnerabilities. You have given us a healing and a hope that makes us whole. Take now the offerings of our hearts and our lives, even as we give away all you have given us. Amen.**

**SENDING**

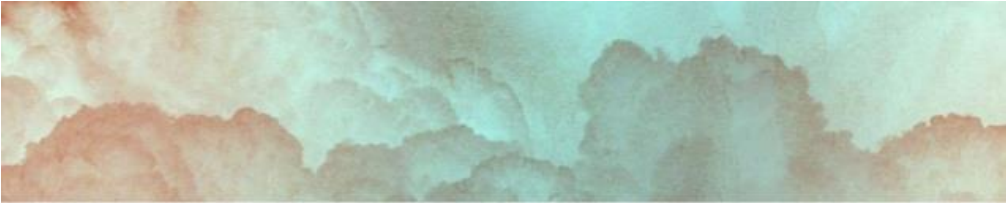
\*BENEDICTION  
Christ’s touch has healed you. God’s love has restored you. The Spirit goes with you. Go in peace to share the joy of God’s love.

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Danish Amen” No. 898

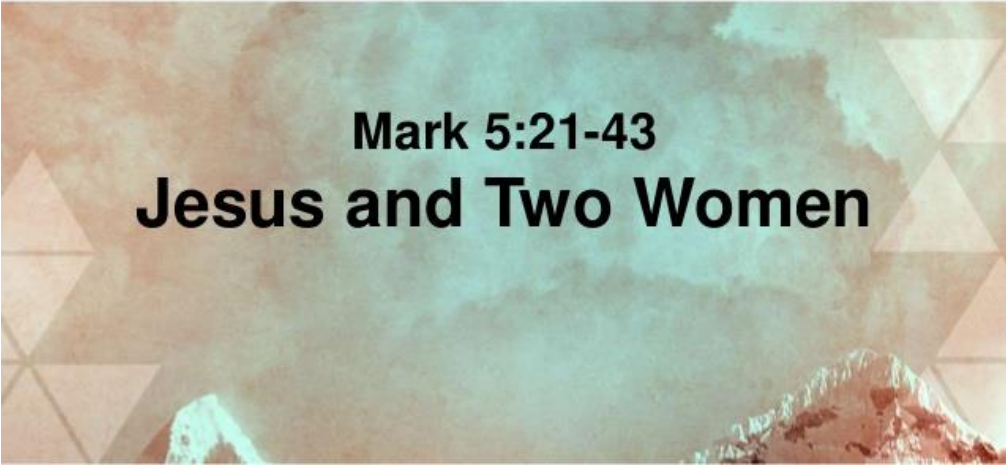
\*RECESSIONAL HYMN “Abide With Me” No. 700. vs. 1 & 4

\*POSTLUDE “Give Praise To Christ Jesus” M. Dupre

**WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!**



# A Story of Two Touches



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**Welcome Visitors:** We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask a greeter or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

**JUNE 27, 2021**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 27, 2021  
Order of Worship

PRELUDE "God Is In My Heart" L.A. Warriner  
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS:  
Pastor: When our lives feel burdened, what shall we do?  
People: When we need healing for our bodies and souls, what shall we do?  
Hymn "Cares Chorus" TFWS No. 2215  
I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast my cares upon you.  
Pastor: When all around us, things seem to be in turmoil, to whom shall we turn?  
People: When no one seems to understand our sorrow, to whom shall we turn?  
Hymn "Cares Chorus" TFWS No. 2215  
I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast my cares upon you.  
Pastor: Lord, you lift our burdens!  
People: Lord, you heal our souls and bodies!  
Pastor: Lord, you calm the stormy seas of our lives!  
People: Lord, you understand our fears.  
Hymn "Cares Chorus" TFWS No. 2215  
I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast my cares upon you.  
Pastor: Thanks be to God.  
People: AMEN.

PRAISING

\*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 64

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, bring your pain.  
People: We come to draw close to Christ.  
Pastor: Reach out to touch Jesus.  
People: We find healing and peace in his love.  
Pastor: Praise be to God for God's healing mercies. Come, let us worship God who brings healing, hope and peace.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy. Amen.

INTROIT "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" No.474, vs. 1 & 3

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
There is forgiveness and healing with God. God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE "He Touched Me" No. 367

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.  
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)  
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

LESSON RESPONSE

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" No. 186  
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

\*GOSPEL LESSON  
Pastor: The Lord be with you,  
People: And also with you.  
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark.  
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

\*THE GOSPEL IS READ Mark 5:21-43