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# Order of Worship

June 24, 2018

Preparing Our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, "And they will all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. (John 6:44-45)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - *Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117:1-2)*
- We humbly respond with praise
  - "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"
  - "I Give You My Heart"

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. (Isaiah 64:5b-6)*
  - Prayer of Confession
- God's grace
  - *And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. (Ezekiel 36:23-25)*
  - "All I Have Is Christ"

- “Great Things”

What We Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God’s saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed. Amen.*  
(EPCA Statement of Faith. Article 3: The Human Condition)

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- Matthew 9:18-26

Lord’s Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- “Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God’s blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- *Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 1:24-25)*

# **Two Troubles and Two Touches**

Matthew 9:18-26

Pastor Marttell Sánchez

## Growth Group Questions

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1. This week, we saw Jesus perform two miracles: he restored the lives of an unclean woman and a dead girl. Are there any similarities between their troubles and yours? What part of their stories can you most relate to? Are there any parallels with what the Lord may have done for you?
2. On his way to Jairus's daughter, Jesus was delayed by the woman with the issue of blood. Can you give any examples of how God's delays in your life may have turned out for your good? What does this tell us about God's timing and ours?
3. In Isaiah 64:7, the prophet laments that so few stir themselves up to take hold of the Lord. What does it mean to take hold of the Lord? What does it look like to take hold of him, especially in your troubles?
4. The man from Jairus's house told Jairus not to trouble Christ. Do you ever tell yourself that? Can you see from this narrative what actually troubles Christ? How might this encourage you in your own trouble, even if the Lord doesn't drive sickness and death away from us?

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**Next Week:** Matthew 12:9-14