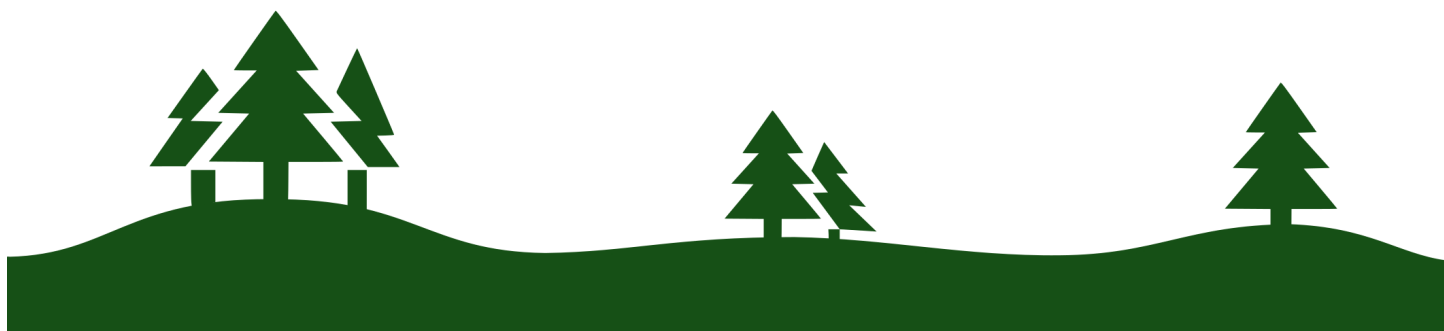
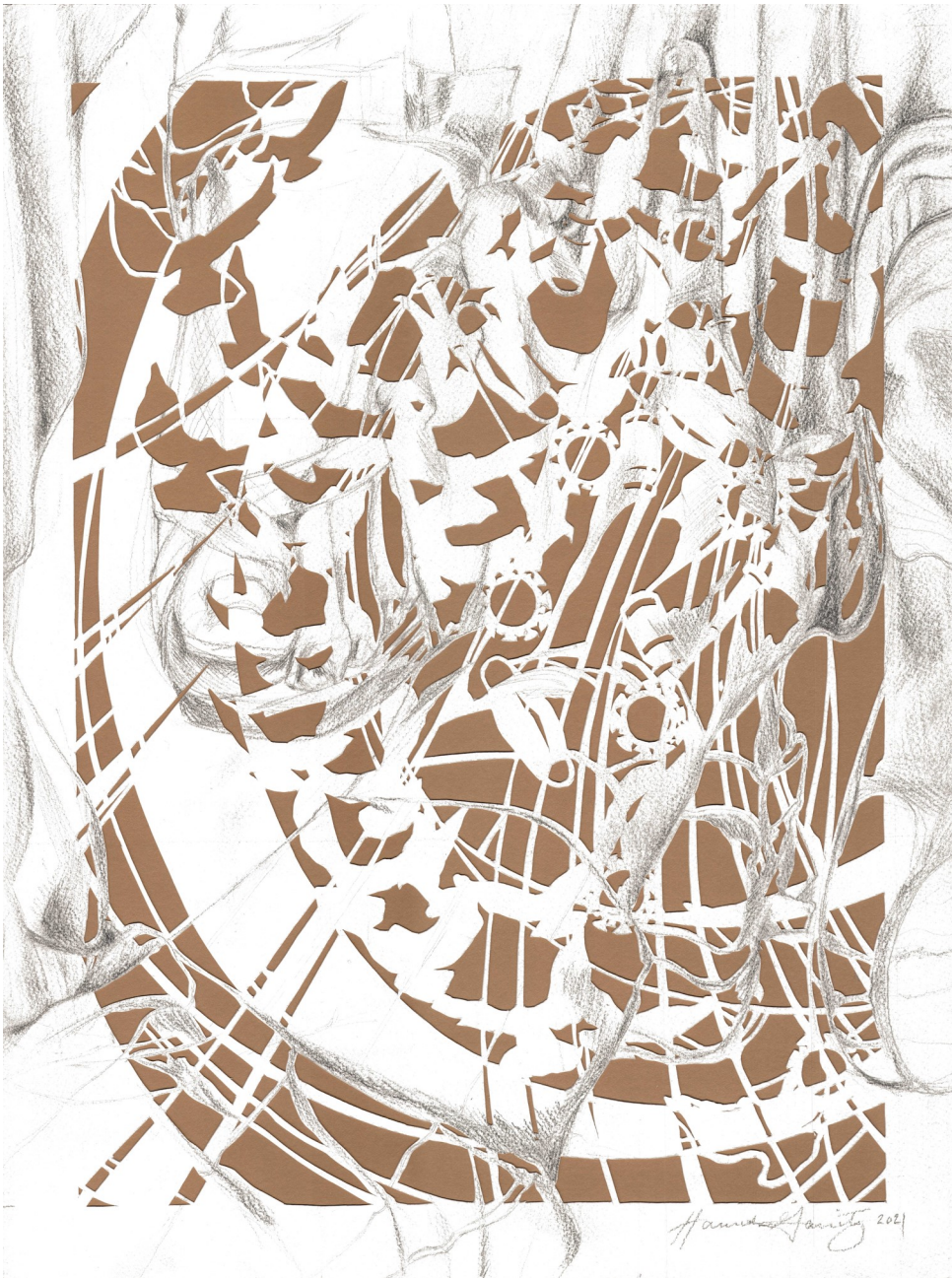




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Baptist Church





Medical Miracle

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Mark 5:21-43

Paper lace

In this image, syringes, vaccine vials, masks, and Holy Spirit doves pour down the page from Jesus' hem to the woman's hand—a cacophony of biblical and medical miracles. During the global COVID-19 pandemic, scientists, doctors, and nurses have stepped into their roles with gusto. They had no other choice; they were called to the work by God as Her disciples. Millions of people have died this year of COVID-19. Residual epidemics of systemic colonialist oppression have become painfully apparent across the globe and in all of our localities. *Where does it hurt? How can I help?*

Over the course of history, the hemorrhaging woman in the crowd has been depicted in a subservient role in many of the art pieces inspired by this Mark text. I have contemplated with sadness the meaning of the layout that I settled on. The woman's hand reaches out to Jesus' cloak among the feet of the crowd, which still places her physically lower in the visual. This was a difficult place for me to draw

her into the image. It angered me to participate in the patriarchy of Jesus' time, to perpetuate the patriarchy of our time. Am I extending the patriarchal narrative? Yes. Especially since my subsequent rereads and research of this text lead me to notice that I could have easily placed her hand on Jesus' shoulder, a pose of familiarity, of equality. It infuriates me that she is considered unclean because of her medical condition. Having just spent a year in effective quarantine, I also understand why we need to have medical care for conditions that could make others sick. It's a public health crisis. It is complex. *Where does it hurt? How can I help?*

Despite her condition, God calls her to this place; she had no other choice. I am inspired by her bravery. God calls her to demand the care she needs and the dignity she deserves. The power of her presence is palpable. In this way, the physical placement of the woman's hand among the feet of the crowd exhibits her power—the power of her presence. Jesus knew immediately that she had touched him; a position of equity. God's call, her demand for this miracle, and her belief in it made it possible. Who, by their presence, is demanding me to act on my call from God? What is my role as a disciple in this time of global pain? Am I stepping into my role with gusto? Who needs me to ask, *"Where does it hurt?"*

— Hannah Garrity (sanctifiedart.org)



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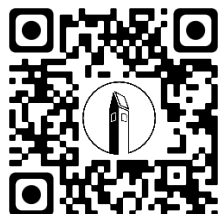
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an inclusive community of faith

Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

If you need a hearing assistance device, they are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera if in attendance.



Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Healer of Our Every Ill

arr. Marty Haigen

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Sanctified Art)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

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

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

Leader: This space is a brave space.

People: For when it comes to God, we are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.

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

People: All of God's children are welcome here.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn (vv. 1-2)

Here in This Place

(see page 4)

Offertory Prayer

Gerry Ritter

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

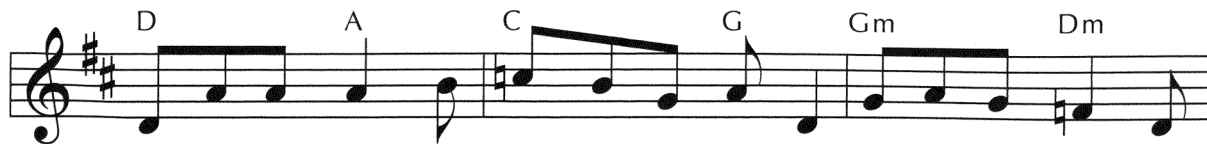
Transcendent God, we bless your name,

Incarnate Christ, the risen one,

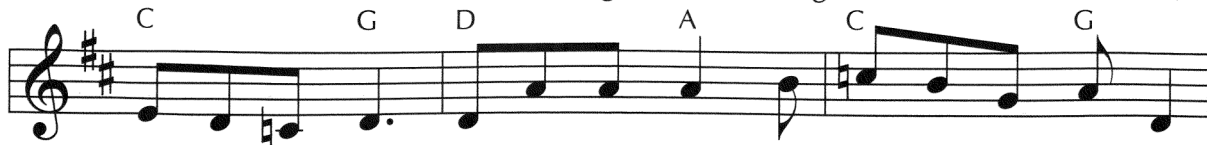
The Spirit with us, Immanent,

The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

Here in This Place



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

We affirm each prayer with the following response:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

We conclude the Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Meditation on "Where Does It Hurt?"

Rev. Amanda Warren

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-43

Rev. Spears-Newsome

We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Servant Song

arr. Francis Patrick O'Brien

Will you let me be your servant,

Let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace

To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.

We are travelers on the road.

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you

In the night time of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you;

Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.
 When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
 I will share your joy and sorrow
 Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
 We shall find such harmony
 Born of all we've known together
 Of Christ's love and agony.

Meditation on "Where Does It Hurt?"

Rev. Efird

Hymn

Blest Be the Tie

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear;
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us in - ward pain;

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

Benediction

Rev. Efird

Postlude

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Teri Edwards

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 Our pianist today is Teri Edwards.*



Neighborhood Summer Program

food, friends, and fun!

Last year, we had to cancel the Neighborhood Summer Program because of the widespread transmission of covid-19 and the lack of a vaccine to protect against it. This year, we (along with the Kirk of Kildaire, Cary Presbyterian, Christ the King Lutheran Church, and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, and others) are hosting the program which provides care, nourishment, and enrichment for kids during the summer. There will be numerous health and safety precautions in place, including (but not limited to):

- Masks will be required whenever indoors
- All vaccine-eligible participants (ages 12+) must be vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination
- Pre-registration will be required for participants and there is a hard cap on the number of participants
- All days of the program will take place at the Kirk of Kildaire rather than rotating between churches to avoid close-quarters transportation needs

We need your help to make this vital mission of our church and our partners happen this year! We need both **kitchen volunteers** and volunteers to **spend time with kids**. Youth volunteers welcome. Pastors from multiple congregations will be on site to assist and lead volunteers.

We are helping on these dates from 9am-1pm:

June 24 July 1 July 8 July 15 July 22 July 29 Aug. 5 Aug. 12

If you can volunteer for one or more of those dates, email Rev. Spears-Newsome at wesley.spears-newsome@gfbccary.org! We can't make this happen without your help!



► I've Been Meaning To Ask ...

Over the next several weeks, we'll be engaging in a worship series called "I've Been Meaning To Ask..." focused on addressing some of the prominent realities we are all facing right now, particularly on our journey out of the pandemic. In the past year and a half, we have been isolated and disconnected and we are in desperate need on hope. Over these next weeks, we'll be asking some questions about where we are and what we're feeling, both in worship and in Faith Formation.

We hope that these questions (Where does it hurt? Where are you from? What do you need?) serve as guiding questions in your life among those you love. We hope they bring us into deeper connection with God and with each other.

You may notice new prayers and artwork in our communications, the bulletin, and the order of service. Many of these are the products of the creative people working at Sanctified Art (sanctifiedart.org).



► Save the Date: July 11

We will be holding a town hall and business meeting on Sunday, July 11 at 2pm. Mark your calendars!

► Thank You! | Blood Drive & Family Promise

We wrapped up our final host week for the year of **Family Promise** and would like to thank everyone who has been involved. Thank you especially to Addie Smith who has completed 11 years of coordinating meals for the Family Promise program at our church. We couldn't have done it without you!

If you'd like to volunteer for Family Promise next year, or take over meal coordination to fill Addie's shoes, please contact Rev. Spears-Newsome or Vivian Denning, our Family Promise coordinator.



Thank you, too, to all who helped and donated to the **Blood Drive** in June! We donated enough blood to save potentially 78 lives. Special thanks to Susan Beck, Katie Lockhart, and Chris Cook for coordinating.

► Prayer List*

Jim Allen
Nell Allen
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Don Beal
Gilles Bikindou
The Brooks Family at the death of Joyner Brooks
Bob and Alice Curti (Susan Beck's parents)
Sharon Edmondson
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
Betty Griffin (Jane Griffin's mother)
Doug Hughes (Kathy Watkin's friend)
Angela McGee (Valerie Brooks' friend)
Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)
Sylvia Morgan
Alice Price
Fred Seeger
Randy Soyars (Mark Soyars' father)
Marvel Wahrman
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)
Jim Wigginton (Elizabeth Biser's uncle)
Alison Zieglmeier
Our partner church,
Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

► Prayer for the Week

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 my grief.

No matter where I go—in joy or in loss, in pain or in love, in heartache or in gratitude—I believe 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.

Rev. Sarah Are (sanctifiedart.org)

**To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.*

► Ways to Tithe

- Set up an automated bank draft by filling out a form requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.
- Set up auto pay through you bank using the "Bill Pay" function. Then, your bank will mail a check to the church weekly or monthly.
- Give online through the church website at gfbccary.org/give.

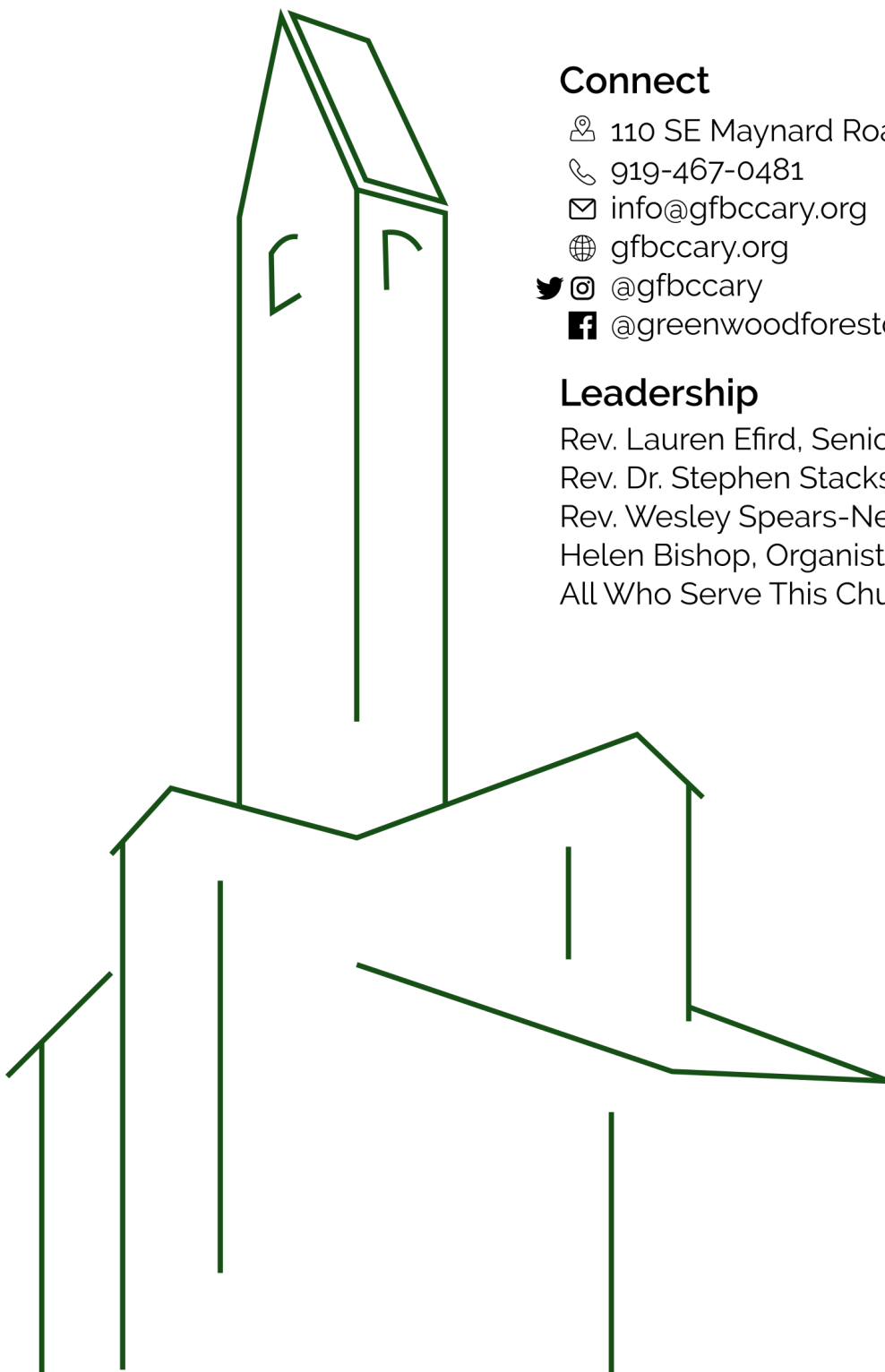
► May 2021 Finance Update

Updated when the previous month's books have closed.

	May 2021	YTD
Congregational	\$58,008	\$500,140
Congregational Giving Target	\$67,030	\$540,722
Congregational Giving Under/Over	\$(9,022)	(\$40,582)
Other Receipts	\$2,413	\$18,489
Total Giving and	\$60,421	\$518,629
Total Disbursements	\$61,542	\$552,869
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$(1,121)	(\$34,240)
Together We Build	\$11,683	\$110,336



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