

**Sunday, June 27, 2021 ~ 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We*

*dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

## **Welcome!**

We are so glad to have you share in worship at Bethlehem today. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors – they would love to greet you personally!

**Communicate with us:** Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

**Children are welcome and encouraged** to participate in worship. We have designated space within the sanctuary (underneath the window of Jesus, the Good Shepherd) that is reserved for families who may need additional space for strollers or carriers for children who cannot yet wear masks. We ask you to attend to distancing. If there is a way we can make worship a more hospitable environment for your family, please speak to a pastor or leave a comment through our website (see above).

**Holy Communion** is important to our life of faith. At this time, we receive communion on the first Sunday of the month.

**Hearing assistance:** Our sound system is equipped with personal hearing loop devices. Please ask an usher for a loop device.

**Our Perrin Street entrance is accessible.** Please ask for help if you need assistance.

**Please silence your cell phones:** As a courtesy to others, we ask that you please silence your cell phones during worship.

**Make reservations** to attend worship and learn more about how to view livestreamed worship at <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/>. If you need assistance making a reservation or don't have internet access, please contact the church office.

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on “Amazing Grace”  
Chorale Prelude on “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Johannes Matthias Michel

Gathering Words/Welcome and Announcements

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

*At home: create a focal point for worship in your home. A green plant calls to mind the color of the Sundays after Pentecost and serves as a reminder of growth and maturing in our life of faith, a frequent focus of the gospel texts during this season.*

*In-person: you are encouraged to participate through your spoken voice in today’s liturgy. In lieu of singing hymns and liturgical music, you are encouraged to use the music texts as part of your prayer and reflection throughout the week, or join in singing them from home by viewing a recording of today’s livestream.*

Call to Worship:

In the beginning

**before time, before people, before the world began, God was.**

Here and now

**among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven, God is.**

In the future,

**when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment, God will be.**

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**God was. God is. God will be!**

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

**Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Children's Moment

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33**

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (8:30 am)

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in a two-part setting. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of one octave. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The score consists of two systems, each with a Soprano staff (treble clef) and an Alto staff (bass clef). The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: (8:30 am)

*Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue*

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1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my  
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er  
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions  
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are  
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -  
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now  
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.  
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.  
 see: then we will see love face to face.  
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951

Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional

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Response to the Word:

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
**Who follow the teaching of the Lord!**

United with believers across space and time, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace. At home, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.*

## Offering

*Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. We celebrate the opportunity to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources. If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450. Those worshipping in person may leave their offerings in the basket in the narthex.*



*Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.*

## Offering of Music:

***Forever / Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Arranged by Carol Tornquist

*Marsha Gerhardt, piano*

Offertory: (8:30)

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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A musical score for a offertory. It consists of five staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, melodic line. The lyrics are: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come."

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

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Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

**the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things that we may come to the help of all in need, though Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People:

*In the silences of our prayer you are encouraged to remember those whose needs are known to us listed below. You may also lift up the name of someone in need of prayer in the comments of our worship livestream.*

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*Brief silence*

God of Life, Creator of all things,

We thank you for all of the gifts you have given us: This beautiful world, our homes, food, lives of meaning, and relationships that bring us joy and hope. All of these gifts come from You, good and gracious God. Even when things don't go the way we think they should, we praise You! And we thank you for our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us, and for the Holy Spirit who gives us the strength to follow Jesus example. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God,

We give thanks that you see us and know our needs. Today we pray for peace and reconciliation in our world and in our country. And we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Cliff and Linnea, Andrew and Sharon and Wesley, Ethan, Bob and Diana. We also pray for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Source of all comfort,

We are aware that many are in pain this day. There are those who suffer from physical and mental illness, emotional turmoil, anxiety, hunger and broken relationships. There are also those who mourn the death of loved ones.

We remember those involved in caregiving for loved ones and those affected by the coronavirus. We also remember those we lift before you, silently and aloud...

*We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:*

- Doris (mother of Al) who died on 6/1 at age 97

*We pray for those in need of healing, especially:*

- Iona as she continues to transition to her new home at Wesley Gardens
- Waverly, who continues to face multiple health challenges
- Those who are involved with the ongoing work of caregiving for loved ones
- Those who are infected with or recovering from Coronavirus, and their caregivers
- Those impacted by war and natural disasters.

May Your healing presence touch their lives, and the lives of all those in need of Your comfort and care. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God,  
 We pray for the leadership of our church, and ask that you continue your Spirit's presence in their lives. We ask Your blessings on Bishop Macholz, Bishop Eaton, Pastor Amy and Pastor Hoffman, the leadership and the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church this morning, that they may feel your presence with them, know that You are always with them, and clearly see the ministry You are calling them to. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:  
 Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**  
     **hallowed be your name,**  
     **your kingdom come,**  
     **your will be done,**  
         **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**  
     **as we forgive those**  
         **who sin against us.**

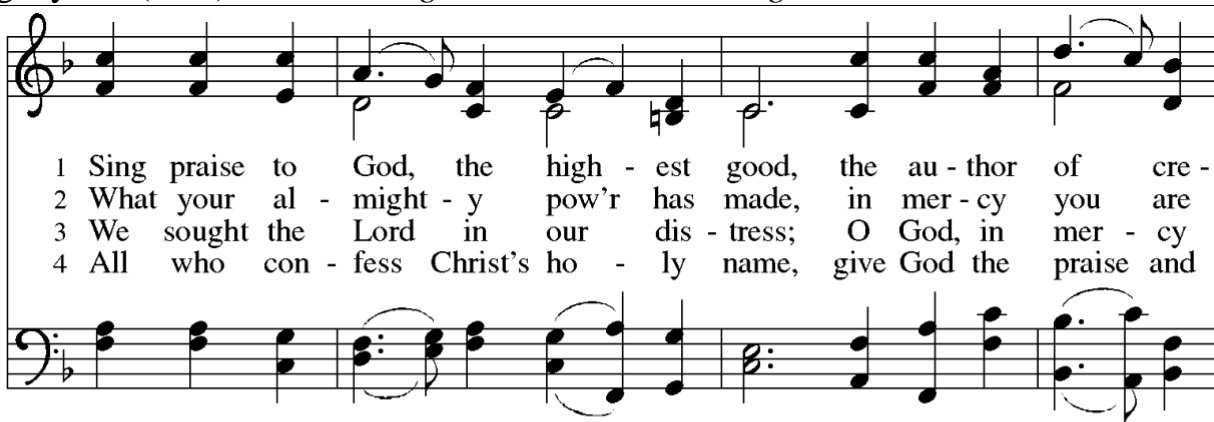
**Save us from the time of trial**  
     **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
     **and the glory are yours,**  
     **now and forever. Amen**

Benediction:

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -  
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for  
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with  
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;  
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might  
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.  
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 who is by one and all a - dored.  
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:   Hornpipe

John S. Dixon

*You will be excused during the postlude from the back of the congregation to the front. You are encouraged to share conversation outside the building!*

**Thank you to Pastor David Gerhardt...** *for proclaiming God's Word and providing Sunday morning worship leadership while Pastor Amy is recovering from her recent surgery. Pastor Gerhardt is a retired ELCA Pastor and member of this congregation. We are grateful for his witness among us!*

*Pr. Amy is taking scheduled vacation time away June 23 – July 6. While she is away Pastor Hoffman is coordinating pastoral care. In the event of a pastoral care emergency (i.e. death, family or individual crisis), please contact the church office and leave a message on the Pastoral Care line.*

**Worship on July 4:** *Please note, there will only be ONE in-person service (reservations required) on Sunday, July 4 at 10 am. We know that Sunday morning Livestream worship has become an important part of Sunday morning for many of you. We are grateful for a very small and committed group of volunteers who has made this possible since March 2020. Because there are no volunteers available, **there will be NO livestream service on Sunday, July 4.** We'll plan to do one in-person service of communion at 10 am that morning. If you would like to be part of the team that extends our worship beyond our church walls through our Livestream, please contact one of the pastors or Andy Gates.*

## Calendar for June 27 – July 4

(Last updated on 6/23/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

### Sunday, June 27

8:30 am Facebook  
Livestream Worship  
10:00 am In-person Worship  
([Reservation required](#))  
11:30 am BLC On the Go! Wacky  
Kickball at Center Park with  
Marcy Adams  
7:30 pm LYO

### Monday, June 28

**Fairport District Music**  
**Lessons begin\***

### Tuesday, June 29

### Wednesday, June 30

9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid  
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 943 3691 2942)

### Thursday, July 1

7:00 pm BLC on the Go! Quilts  
for Lutheran World Relief

### Friday, July 2

### Saturday, July 3

### Sunday, July 4

**No Livestream today!**

10:00 am In-person Worship with  
Communion (*no separate  
communion time outside of  
worship today*)  
([Reservation required](#))  
No LYO today!

## Calendar for July 4 – July 11

### Sunday, July 4

*No Livestream today!*  
10:00 am In-person Worship with  
Communion (*no separate  
communion time outside of  
worship today*)  
([Reservation required](#))  
No LYO today

### Monday, July 5

**BLC Office Closed –  
HOLIDAY!**

7:00 pm 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, July 6

### Wednesday, July 7

8:00 am Men's Breakfast at the  
Landmark Family Restaurant  
9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid  
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 943 3691 2942)  
9:30 am Education Planning  
Meeting  
([Join](#) or use ID 871 8823 9638)

### Thursday, July 8

10:00 am Virtual CMT  
([Join](#) or use ID 825 5536 5823)

### Friday, July 9

**Pastor's Sabbath**

### Saturday, July 10

9:15 am Property Committee

### Sunday, July 11

**Confirmation Camp at LCLC  
begins!**

### 9:30 am In-person Worship

*Note the new worship time for  
both in-person and livestreamed  
worship*

10:45 am Brainstorming for Fall

7:30 pm LYO in the Courtyard  
(last one of the summer!)

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*\*Fairport District Music Lessons will be held weekly Monday through Thursday from June 28 – July 29.*

*Pastor Amy and Campers at Confirmation Camp from July 11 – July 16*

**Church Office Hours:** We continue to hold remote office hours M-F from 9 am to 12 noon. During these times, please call (585) 223-0634 to reach us directly, otherwise you may continue to email us at [office@blcfairport.org](mailto:office@blcfairport.org) and we'll respond as we're able. For further assistance or urgent pastoral care needs outside of office hours, please call the office and leave a message on the pastoral care line.

**Worshipping In-Person:** To accommodate our sanctuary capacity limits, we are requiring reservations for worship through July 4. You may [reserve space here](#) (the link is also available on BLC's [Share in Worship page](#)). If you need assistance making a reservation or don't have internet access, please contact the church office.

**Zoom Meetings at BLC:** The easiest way to join is to use the direct link available in the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website. If you don't see your meeting in the Calendar of Events or have questions, please contact your group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details!

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## Jesus' Power Is Enough

Today's story of two healings in a single reading appears to present a horrific choice: should Jesus hurry to the dying daughter of a rich man, or pause to heal an outcast woman? The urgency of both requests before him presents a real dilemma, one we might be tempted to resolve in a variety of either/or ways. Either he keeps his commitment to Jairus, or he pauses to help the woman before him who is so obviously suffering. He either helps an important person who can help him further his ministry, or gives help to someone who has no other resource at all.

We see these apparent zero-sum equations in our ministry all the time. The church council meets over the budget and feels the pull between benevolence outside the congregation and the increasing costs of health care for the church's employees. The building's windows need repair, but we know another congregation across town that can barely pay its pastor. The needs "inside" and the needs "outside" always seem in competition.

Individuals feel these tensions as well: people are sandwiched between the needs of aging parents and the needs of small children; parents feel stretched to meet their vocational obligations and spend time with their families; students want to serve others but feel pressed to just get their own work done.

Of course, in the face of Jesus' power, none of these really are either/or propositions, even though they seem like dead ends. In Mark's gospel, Jesus' power is enough to provide new life for both the rich man's daughter and the poor woman. How often do we assume that God's power is not enough to bring life out of the seemingly impossible choices we make? We are challenged to open up the interruptions and hard choices of our lives to Jesus' power to bring life out of death.

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