



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Reflection *June 27, 2021*

This Sunday's Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Boldness, Persistence, and Healing: In today's Gospel, there are two stories of healing, one imbedded into another. They tell of hope, persistent hope.

First, we meet Jairus who approaches Jesus as he comes out of a boat. Jairus falls to his knees and begs Jesus to lay hands on his sick daughter so that she may be healed.

The second story begins as Jesus and Jairus journey to Jairus's house, as a woman attempts to receive healing for herself. She is desperate, having tried everything and spent all her money: she believes if she merely touches Jesus's cloak she will be healed. As she touches his cloak, she feels healed. But Jesus also feels something and asks, "Who touched my clothes?" The woman steps forward undoubtedly nervous, but Jesus comforted her by saying "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your disease."



After Jesus sends the woman on to live healed and at peace, Jesus goes to heal Jairus's daughter. Even though he and Jairus hear the daughter has died, they continue their journey. After arriving, Jesus enters the home, gathers with the young girl's parents and loved ones, and invites the girl to get up and walk around. She is healed, and they are all overcome with amazement. Jesus asks those gathered to tell no one about this and asks them to give the girl something to eat.

After a year of isolation from the pandemic, normal life disrupted, riots, and political unrest, we are desperate for healing, body, mind, and spirit, within ourselves and our communities. Jairus and the woman were bold enough, faithful enough to allow God to bring healing. Even though we believe that God desires fullness of life for us, are we bold enough, faithful enough, to allow God to come to us, bringing health, peace, and wholeness? May it be so. AMEN.

Special prayers: Please pray for strength and renewed health for Harry and Trudy; pray for a speedy recovery for Diane; for the safety of the Red Lodge community; for those suffering from drought and fire; comfort all who are sick.