United Methodist Women Sunday 2019

“Understanding Trauma and the Christian Response”

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**PRELUDE** Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*The United Methodist Hymnal* *# 334*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING AND WELCOME**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PURPOSE**

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader** Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not get weary. (Isaiah 40: 31)

Be still and wait patiently on the Lord.

**All** **We trust in the Lord knowing he will take care of us.**

**Leader** Lord, you have the power to transform us.

**All**  **We give our lives over to you, mind, body and spirit.**

**HYMN** There is a Balm in Gilead

*The United Methodist Hymnal # 375*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

See attached Children’s Sermon – The Wall

**CHOIR GROUP**

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

*The United Methodist Hymnal # 129*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All** Oh Lord, when we look to the future, it sometimes feels too bleak. Why

have youforsaken us? We offer up to you the despair that lurks in our hearts,

our broken hearts, our broken relationships. We have frustration and

disappointment. We desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus, but you know

how hard it is for us. Your people are broken, afraid, and angry. We do know

that you never abandon us nor forsake us. Your mercies endure forever.

Amidst our hurts we offer you our words of praise and thanksgiving

declaring that you are good, just, all powerful, loving, redemptive, merciful

and the God of healing. We pray that your goodness overwhelms us. We

know that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not

overcome it. We ask for your forgiveness and praise you for coming to earth

to die for our sins. Because of this we acknowledge that you are

victorious, and we are victorious in your name. Praise be all glory to you!

Amen

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

Choose one of the six choices from *The Faith We Sing*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 5: 25 – 34

**MESSAGE** “Understanding Trauma and the Christian Response”

(See attachment and other option for the message)

**SERMON RESPONSE**

**Leader From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**All** Glorify the LORD with me,  
 let us together extol his name.  
 I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
 and delivered me from all my fears.

**Leader From all their distress God rescues the just.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

**Leader From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**All** The LORD has eyes for the just,  
 and ears for their cry.  
 The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
 to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

**Leader From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**All** When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
 and from all their distress he rescues them.  
 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
 and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

**Leader From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**HYMN** He Touched Me

*The United Methodist Hymnal* *# 367*

**BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, you reach into the darkness with hope, truth and light.

Stretch out your strong hand hold and rescue those who have suffered

Whether it be from anxiety, depression, traumas, or PTSD.

Let your almighty love move mountains, cross seas and breathe life into the

darkest of places.

Light that redeems

Light that restores

Light that heals

Light that protects

Light that saves

There is nothing higher, stronger or greater than your love.

We trust in you, o Lord

Amen.