

MESSAGE NOTES

For Feb. 25, 2018

Who am I?

The desperate leader who can't do anything to heal his daughter?

Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 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." Mark 5:22-23

The outcast woman who needs to be healed?

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. Mark 5:25-26

The vulnerable child?

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?" Mark 5:35

Who is this man, Jesus?

The One who notices the lost and forsaken, and brings healing and new life!

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." Mark 5:34

And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. Mark 5:42

Prayer for the Week (by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

God of Wholeness, we confess that we have fractured and shattered. We have determined what we need and have forgotten the needs of others. We have looked to our own gain without meeting the basic needs of those in our communities. We have cared for those close to us but have forgotten to care for the elderly and the sick in our neighborhoods, the homeless and the marginalized among us. Forgive us. Call us into unity by recognizing the needs, as well as the gifts, that all around us bring. May we remember that we have need of each other, and that others bring gifts that we cannot dream of, that make us part of Your body in Christ Jesus our Lord. Bind us together, Lord, by the movement of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be one. Amen.

The Kingdom is Near

1. Where do I feel vulnerable in my life?
2. What part of my body or spirit needs to be healed?
3. How can I bring Jesus' message of healing and new life to others?