

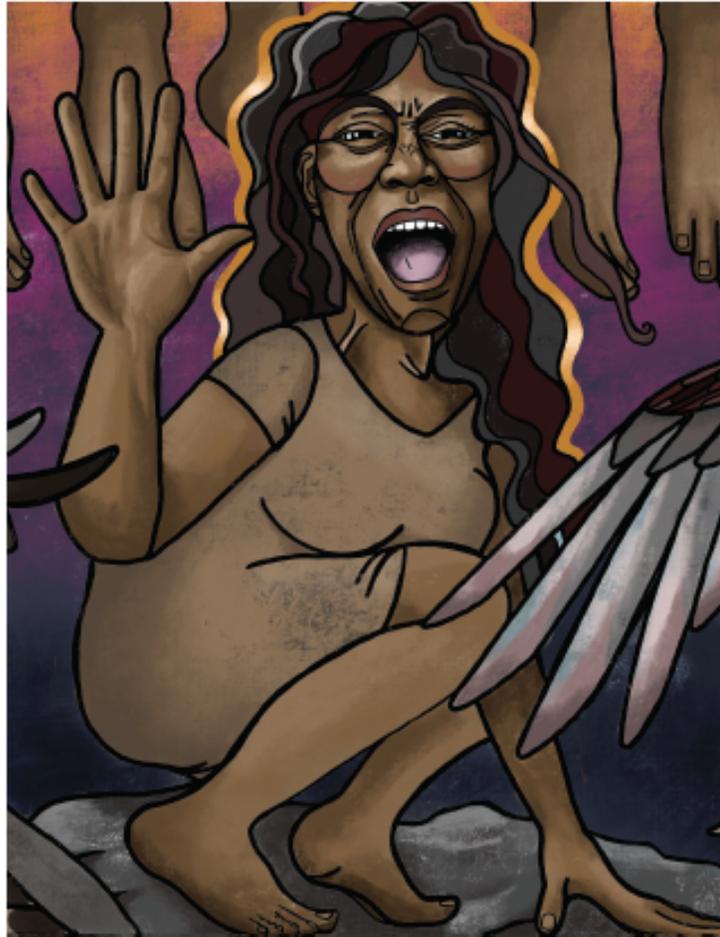
September 27, 2020

9:30AM

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Public Grief That Inspires Action:
Rizpah Mourns Her Sons

UNRAVELED
SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GATHERING AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Liturgist: When we come to this space, we bring all of ourselves.

All: We bring joy and hope,

Liturgist: dreams and prayers,

All: grief and doubt,

Liturgist: memories and heartache.

All: God meets us here.

Liturgist: God hears our prayers and sees our scars.

**All: With open hearts and authenticity,
Let us worship good and gracious God.**

HYMN: Just as I Am, Without One Plea (vs. 1, 3, 4, 6) #357

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 3:7; 21:1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE Rev. Ann Lyter

Prayers

JOINT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of creation,

Humanity is capable of such evil.

Stories in scripture alongside stories on the news remind us of that truth all the time.

For the moments when we choose violence over peace, exclusion over inclusion, and fear over hope—forgive us.

When we choose pride over what is right, and comfort over justice—

Show us mercy.

And when we numb our pain instead of leaning into empathy—

Unravel us, for we long to be changed.

Gratefully we pray,

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH

HYMN: When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

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BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG REPRISE

*Of the grace that is greater than all my sin
Of when justice was served and where mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in
Oh to tell you my story is to tell of Him
Oh to tell you my story is to tell of Him*

*This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study: Pastor Ann is leading a **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 9:00 am, that builds on the worship series. This study is based on the contemplative practice of Visio Divina, using art to inspire our spiritual thoughts, along with the Bible stories that we focus on each week. The Zoom link was sent by email. If you do not receive the link or did not keep the link and would like to participate, send an email to pas-torann@scottsdaleumc.org. Zoom gives us the advantage of being able to see and talk with each other. Zoom requires a computer, preferably with a camera (most laptops have a camera built in) or a smart phone. There is a **Study Guide and Journal** to accompany the series, which you can either receive by email that you can print at home or contact the church office for a printed copy.

Prayer Request: Please send your prayer requests to prayers@scottsdaleumc.org and they will be included in what will become an ever-growing testament to the power of prayer.