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“Healing Wounds”

Genesis 16

Message by Laura Scharer

Worship led by Natalie Folkert

Music:

Who You Say I Am	In Christ Alone	What A Beautiful Name
O Praise The Name	Here's My Heart	

Sermon:

If we cannot find a way to make our wounds into sacred wounds, we invariably become cynical, negative or bitter. *If we do not transform our pain, we will most assuredly transmit it*—usually to those closest to us: our family, our neighbors, our co-workers and, invariably, the most vulnerable, our children.

Richard Rohr

The enemy of your soul is a thief and a liar. It is his mission to kill, steal and destroy.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. It is God's mission to comfort, free, heal and make whole.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed.
He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the Lord's favor has come,
and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

Isaiah 61:1-2

It is important for us to believe that God can redeem the pain in our life. Not that God sent it, but that God can redeem it. He turns the arrows of the enemy meant to destroy us into the scalpels of the Great Physician meant to heal us.

- Rob Reimer

God is omnipresent and immanent.

Omnipresent: God is everywhere present with His whole being at all times

Immanent: God is present and actively participating

Am I a God who is only close at hand?" says the Lord.

"No, I am far away at the same time.

Can anyone hide from me in a secret place?

Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?"

says the Lord.

Jeremiah 23:23-24

One of God's names is El-Roi.

Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the Lord, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are the God who sees me."

Genesis 16:13

1. Ask God to help reveal the origins of the wounding
 - Jesus, would you take me back to where this all began?
2. Ask God to communicate with you about His Presence
 - Jesus, where were you and what were you doing when the wounding event took place? How were you feeling when it happened?
3. Ask God to communicate with you about what you came to believe.
 - Jesus, what is the lie that I came to believe about You or about me?
4. Ask God to speak His truth
 - Jesus, what do you want to say to me about who You really are and about who I really am?