September Series

Why Church?
Healing



What do we seek here?

- healing
- community
- imagination



John 5:1-15
(Pg. 742)

"Do you want to get well?"

"I have no-one..."



What is liberating for one group at one point in time is not always liberating for another group.

Healing: restoration of meaning to our lives



Story invites us to...

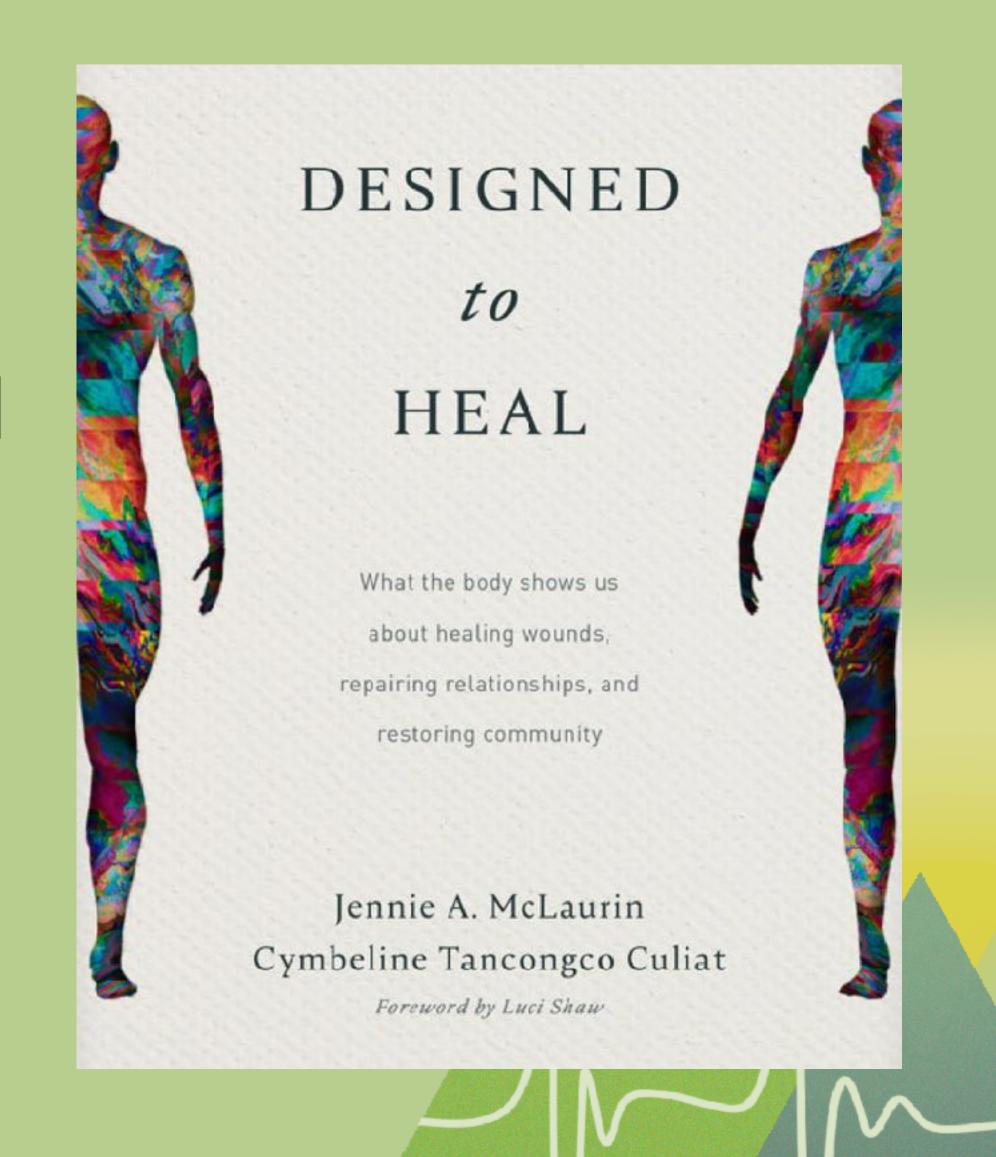
- Ask ourselves: do we want to be healed?
- Be a survivor in Jesus' presence



Healing is both individual & shared work



"Due to the amazing design of our bodies, our injuries don't have to be the last word. Repair, restoration, and even re-generation are built into our very cells....what if our corporate bodies [i.e. communities] were oriented to healing the way our physical bodies are?"



What if the church was known for its willingness to do the hard work of healing? What if that was our witness?

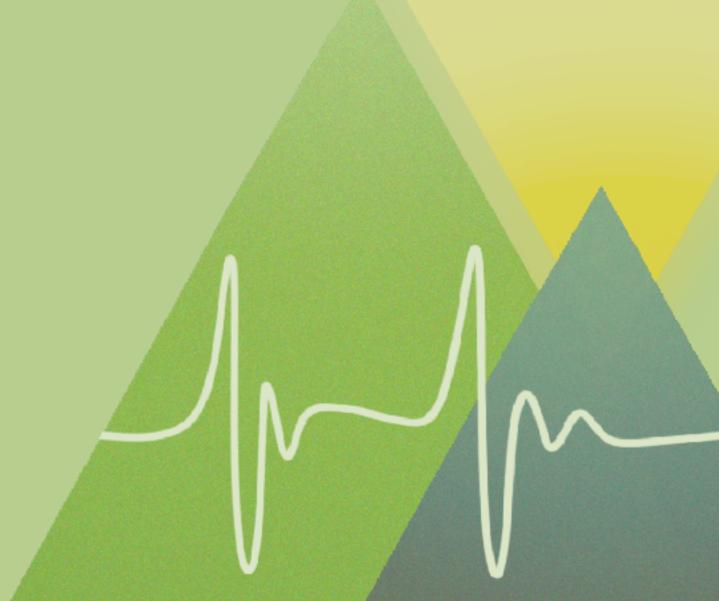
Markers of safe enough community

- trustworthiness
- choice
- collaboration
- empowerment



At Artisan

- GSD
- Trauma-Informed Prayer Training
- The Body of Christ Keeps the Score



How can our collective healing become "an ongoing witness to God's dwelling with us"?

What are the Markers of a Healing Community?