"Walking Out of Darkness"

Alcohol inks, Yupo and gold leaf 21" H x 25" W

This artwork was inspired by my journey of healing from the trauma of my niece taking her life at our home on December 19th, 2019.

I received much understanding and help from reading a book called- "Grieving a Suicide" by Albert Y. Hsu. "The sufferings of the world do not confirm God's absence; rather God makes his presence known through suffering."

A poem was written and given to us by our pastor. A line from the poem became my mantra for moving forward- "Retake, Remake, Redeem and Restore."

This Place

December 26, 2019

There was a day when darkness won, when pain and sorrow owned this place;
A day of trouble, without sun,
a day You seemed to hide Your face.

No words can tell the shadow here, no number calculate the loss, No gift so great, no friend so dear to cure this pain, erase this cross.

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We do not trust in magic here; we know the darkness visits long. But God we trust, for God is near, and midnight will give way to song.

So let this place be Yours again retake, remake, redeem, restore. Your peace on earth, goodwill to men; let Christ reign here, forevermore.

Oh, make it Yours again, this room:
a garden new, a desert ripe,
A temple cleansed, the tomb a womb,
a city built, let there be light.

O Father, fill this space with love; O Son, adorn with peace this strife; On Hidden Cove, descend, O Dove, restore the hidden joys of life.