



### **Alissa Holmes Artist Statement**

"A people walking in the dark being found by a great light is an idea that has permeated much of my work as a creator. It's found its way into my songs and stories, my paintings, and my poetry. My heart has been captivated by the hope that light itself would search out the deep places to find me. The ache of hope is that we all need to be found."

I pulled the prints using a woodblock relief. The hand embellishments were done by printing a transparent ink outline from the relief, and then filled in with a calligraphy pen by hand.

The title of the piece is "The Ache of Hope"