

him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical* p. 14

Offering

Prayer, Offertory Music

Notes

Response *Glory Be to the Father* #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

For the church, the world, and all in need, let us pray to the Lord: (*spoken prayers and moment of silence*)

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayers.

L: Receive all these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand, and strengthen our hands to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen.

Going Into the World

+Sending Hymn *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* STF2241

+Charge

L: Let us go forth in love to serve others

P: May we find ways to serve you, O God, in our homes, work and community.

+Benediction

+Postlude



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+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

+Call to Worship and Opening

Prayer

L: I am glad when they say to me,

P: Let's go to God's house!

L: There we will pray and worship and sing songs of praise to God

P: Then we will spend time in God's holy presence.

Let us pray: **Ever present God, we long to worship at your feet and feel your holy embrace, whether we are here in this place or out in the world. May our worship please you and bring us into closer relationship with you wherever we are when we worship. We pray to you in the name of Christ Jesus, who taught us to pray together: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

+Hymn *As the Deer* (2x) STF2025

Call to Confession

We are God's beloved creations, though we have become separated from God's desire for our lives. We can strive to repair the break by owning up to our sins and trespasses, and seeking forgiveness. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess to you that we are afraid of many things. We are afraid of not being good enough; we are afraid that our lives will, in the end, have had no meaning. We are afraid that our brokenness is too much for us to bear, for our loved ones to bear and for you to bear. We are afraid of losing our way and we are afraid of letting go of control.

What does Paul mean when he says that there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free male or female?

Why did Jesus allow the demons to go into the herd of pigs?

Help us, O Lord, to release the fears that bind us so that we may lovingly embrace you and your intentions for our lives. (moment of silence.)

Response to Confession

L: In Christ God's grace abounds and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: In Christ God's grace abounds and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

+Sung Response *Spirit of the Living God* #322

+Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing the Word Sung Prayer for Illumination (2x)

**Listen to the Word
that God has spoken**

**Listen to the One
who is close at hand**

**Listen to the Voice
that began creation**

Listen even if you don't understand

First Reading Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were

imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hymn *I've Got Peace Like a River* #368

Gospel Luke 8:26-39 ²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged