

## Luke 8:26-39

### Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,[a] which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” 29 For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

30 Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, 35 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. 37 Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

# WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

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*Welcome to  
Zion's  
Reformed Church*

*We're glad you're  
here!*

Welcome to Zion's Reformed Church. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of my dad Howard King, by Carol Ann Cash.

The Chancel Flowers are placed in memory of Jim Saal, by Carol and Family.

Ushering this month are Carol Herrick, Vanessa Saylor, Sherry Winner and Teri Swartzbeck.

Please help yourself to coffee and snacks in the Anderson Lounge after the service.

Church Happening is not held in the summer. All children are encouraged to stay for the entire service.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"<sup>14</sup> He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

<sup>15</sup> The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus.

## I Kings 19:1-15A      Elijah Flees to Horeb

19 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup> He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

<sup>10</sup> He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

## ZION’S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

\*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

June 19, 2022 10:30 a.m.

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Linda Seeley, Lector

### THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader:      And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT      Emily Rinella, Acolyte

*~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~*

PRELUDE      “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”      Lisa Hoekstra

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:      The Lord our God is great.

**People:      God is worthy of our praise.**

Leader:      Come. Let us remember the great things God has done for us.

**People:      Let us not forget those who have gone before us.**

Leader:      Let us lift up our voices in song and open our hearts in gratitude.

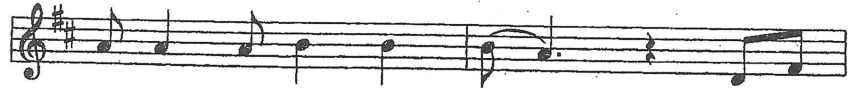
**People:      Let us greet God with our words of praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“He Has Made Me Glad”



I will en-ter his gates with thanks-giv-ing in my heart, I will



en-ter his courts with praise. I will



say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.” I



will re-joice, for he has made me glad.



He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I



will re-joice, for he has made me glad.



He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I



will re-joice, for he has made me glad.

## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

STC reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

The STC offering will be collected next Sunday. Please mark “STC” on your check or envelope.

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The Good Shepherd Center request for June is

MAC AND CHEESE  
or  
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Barrels are located in the front and back lobbies for your donations.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take the items to The Food Pantry on a weekly basis, please contact Julie.

SUMMER IS HERE!

LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!

Next Sunday at Hempfield Park,  
Pavilion #2 (bottom of the hill)  
1:00

Bring a dessert or salad.  
Hotdogs, drinks and table service  
will be provided.



\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Draw close to God as we open our hearts to God.  
People: **Too often our cares and worries keep us at a distance from God.**  
Leader: Come, Gracious God, and speak a word of comfort to your people.  
People: **Hear us, help us in the quietness of these moments.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the ages, in our busy lives we do not always make time to love, to pray, or even to sing your praises. We want to be strong, yet we often feel out of control. Forgetting what we cannot see, we ask, "Why have you forgotten us?" Help us to trust your presence even when we feel utterly alone. Forgive us. Make us whole. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The steadfast love of God is with us - yesterday, today, and tomorrow.  
People: **Whether we turn away or doubt, whether we follow timidly or joyfully, we are loved and forgiven in Christ.**

\*A SONG OF PRAISE "Awesome God" (bulletin page 7)

*~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~*  
WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Juneteenth"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Turn! Turn! Turn!" Music by Pete Seeger  
Lori Seinar-Roknick, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scriptures 1 Kings 19: 1-15a (bulletin pages 10&11)  
Gospel Luke 8:26-39 (bulletin page 12)

SERMON "Where Was God?.....Where Is God? - Take 3"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation  
Offertory Music "Peace" Bob Burroughs  
\*Doxology No. 780  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 522 "I Love to Tell the Story"

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Sing twice)

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!**

\*THE POSTLUDE "Ukrainian National Anthem"  
Mykhailo Verbytsky/Jason Tonioli

*Harmony optional*

Our God is an awe-some God; He reigns from heav-en a - bove With

wis- dom, pow'r and love; Our God is an awe-some God! Our God! Our

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