

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 19, 2020**

*Jesus Heals a Man  
Possessed by Demons*



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

All: **For God loves us just as we are.**

L: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

All: **For all-of-us is welcome here —  
scars and fears — depression and doubt,  
hope and joy — light and laughter.**

L: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

All: **For God longs to be with us,  
so let us worship the God of love.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY & CONFESSION

P: Gracious God,

C: **We admit that there are things we sweep under the rug—  
shame, self-doubt, mental health struggles,  
and our own insecurities.**

P: We know that is not what you want for us,  
For Jesus loved the healthy and the sick parts of everyone.

C: **With Jesus, there was no stigma, fear, or bias.  
God of creation, help us to love and live in the same way.  
Forgive us when we hate ourselves  
or distance ourselves from others, simply for being human.  
You long for better, and we long for you.  
Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

### READINGS

PSALM 103:1-8

- L: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- C: **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits —**
- L: who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- C: **who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- L: who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C: **The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- L: He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- C: **The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

MARK 5:1-20

<sup>1</sup>They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>And when [Jesus] had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. <sup>3</sup>He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; <sup>4</sup>for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; <sup>7</sup>and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." <sup>8</sup>For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." <sup>10</sup>He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup>Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; <sup>12</sup>and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." <sup>13</sup>So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup>The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup>They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid.

<sup>16</sup>Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. <sup>17</sup>Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. <sup>18</sup>As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup>But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." <sup>20</sup>And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

MESSAGE Intern Pastor Patty Bjorklund

MUSIC: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* #843 vss. 1,2

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***I believe in God, the Great Sew-er —  
who weaves us together in community,  
collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit —  
who hems us in before and behind,  
catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.***

***And I believe in Jesus Christ —  
who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out,  
refusing to disregard anyone as scrap.***

***I believe God has woven part of God's self  
into the fiber of our being,  
making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.***

***I believe the fabric of my life is weak,  
that I am prone to error  
and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.***

***I believe in the Church,  
and that like a quilt of different fabrics,  
she is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.***

***And I believe that when life unravels,  
God is there to stitch my wounds together,  
to hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,  
and to invite me into a new journey. Amen.***

## PRAYERS & SHARING OF PEACE

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.***

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.***

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### COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his love and grace.

### COMMUNION PRAYER

We come again to you, O God, giving thanks that in this feast of mercy  
you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ.  
**Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may  
embrace others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING AT CONCLUSION OF INTERNSHIP

**BLESSING:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen**

MUSIC: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* #843 vs. 3

**3 Praise the One true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

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RINGING OF CHURCH BELL – *Intern Pastor Patty*

DISMISSAL      Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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