



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 19, 2022

Second Sunday After Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* Peter Scholtes

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The Call to Worship

Leader: Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

People: Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

Leader: Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

People: Breathe new life into your people, O God.

Leader: For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

People: We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

People: Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace. Amen.

The Hymn No. 2225 *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother* KINDRED

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?
all those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled, differently labeled
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us— color or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings—
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Open our hearts today, O Lord,
to feel the powerful strength and love
you have for us.
Help us to listen, not only with our ears,
but with our spirits
for your words of compassion and healing.
Enable us to become more faithful disciples for you;
for we ask this in the name
of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 8:26-39

The Sermon

Delivered

Dr. Matthew Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Solo

For My Soul Thirsteth for God (from Psalm 42)

Emily Downey, soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

For my soul thirsteth for God, yea, for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Psalm 42:2

The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 264

Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

using alternate tune EBENEZER

1. "Silence, frenzied, unclean spirit, "
cried God's healing, Holy One.
"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it;
flee as night before the sun."
At Christ's words the demon trembled,
from its victim madly rushed,
while the crowd that was assembled
stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.
2. Lord, the demons still are thriving
in the gray cells of the mind:
tyrant voices, shrill and driving,
twisted thoughts that grip and bind,
doubts that stir the heart to panic,
fears distorting reason's sight,
guilt that makes our loving frantic,
dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

3. Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit,
in our mind and in our heart;
speak your word that when we hear it,
all our demons shall depart.
Clear our thought and calm our feeling,
still the fractured, warring soul.
By the power of your healing
make us faithful, true, and whole.

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The Benediction

The Postlude *Allegro maestoso e vivace* (from Sonata No. 2) Felix Mendelssohn

*The altar flowers this morning are given by the Nesbitt family
in memory of Charles Burns Nesbitt, husband of Mary Alice and father of three.*

*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning
and throughout the week to make this worship possible.*

Scriptures

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

²⁶ Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any

clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for 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.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now 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. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then 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 became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out 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.