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We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

## **Prelude**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and minds  
for worship with a moment of silence.

## **A Moment of Silence**

**Hymn: See Ye First** (see projection)

## **Prayer of the Day (together)**

**Almighty God, ruler of all things seen and unseen,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,  
you show your power and mercy.**

**You cast out evil, tear down walls of division,  
comfort and challenge your people,  
and show signs of your kingdom coming into the world.**

**Grant that we may lift up the discouraged,  
strengthen the doubting,  
and join with all who seek  
to thank you for your goodness.**

**Glory be to you, O God,  
who, with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Son,  
together is worshiped and praised;  
One God forever. Amen.**

## ***A Word of Welcome and Announcements***

**Call to Confession**

Leader: Trusting in the eternal promises of God revealed in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession** (together)

**Holy One, God most High,  
grant us faith to confess our sins  
and seek your mercy.  
There are barren places in our lives  
where we have wandered far from you.  
We have listened to voices  
who distracted us from your call.  
We have submitted to powers  
competing for our loyalty to you.  
We have not taken the hand you offer  
to lead us out of godforsakenness,  
and into your holy ways.  
God our Savior forgive us.  
Quench our thirst for you  
from the Rod of our salvation,  
and let your love well up in us unto eternal life.  
Speak tenderly to us of your presence  
Feed us with our word.  
Let us enter into your kingdom;  
then send us out to serve you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Covered in the loving grace by the One who intercedes on our behalf with prayers too deep for words, know that we are freed from the bonds of sin to a life of light and hope.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God**

**\*Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

***Passing the Peace of Christ***

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ, The Peace of Christ be with You.

**People: And also With You.**

Leader: Let us turn and greet one another

***A Time with Our Children***

The children are invited to come forward. Afterward the children are excused to go to children's church.

**Hymn #415**

**Come, Labor On**

**Prayers of Concern and Lord's Prayer**

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns)

**Leader: Lord in your mercy**

**People: Hear our prayers.**

***Lord's Prayer (in unison)***

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**Special Music**

**Sue Jones**

**Scripture**

**Luke 8:26-39**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As 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. When 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”— 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.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

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. Then 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.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 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 were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then 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. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “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. Jack Cormack**

## **Prayers of Praise**

You are invited to share where you have seen God in the world around you.

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our praise**

## **Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Hymn: Redeemed**

Big Daddy Weave

Seems like all I could see was the struggle  
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past  
Bound up in shackles of all my failures  
Wondering how long is this gonna last  
Then You look at this prisoner and say to me "son  
Stop fighting a fight it's already been won"

I am redeemed, You set me free  
So, I'll shake off these heavy chains  
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be  
I am redeemed, I'm redeemed

All my life I have been called unworthy  
Named by the voice of my shame and regret  
But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"  
I remember, oh God, You're not done with me yet

I am redeemed, You set me free  
So, I'll shake off these heavy chains  
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be

Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me  
'Cause his day is long dead and gone  
Because I've got a new name, a new life, I'm not the same  
And a hope that will carry me home

I am redeemed, You set me free  
So, I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, 'cause I'm not who I used to be

I am redeemed, You set me free

So, I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, yeah, I'm not who I used to be

Oh, God, I'm not who I used to be

Jesus, I'm not who I used to be

'Cause I am redeemed

Thank God, redeemed\*

## **Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Response**

**May the love of God**

**be all around us,**

**all around us, everywhere we go.**

**May the grace of God**

**shine down upon us,**

**down upon us,**

**and everyone we know.**

**This is our prayer**

**as we leave this place**

**with our hearts**

**full of love and grace.**

**May the love of God**

**be all around us,**

**all around us, everywhere we go. \***

**\*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand**

Rev. Jack Cormack  
Jennifer McCullough  
Jo Lynne Palmerton

Pastor  
Choir Director  
Pianist

**Ushers**

Dan & Mary Wood  
Kirk & Marcia Hanson

**Fellowship Hosts**

Norm & Diane Meester

**In Our Prayers**

Joanne Throne,  
Sally Hosiner, Mary Morrissey  
Harold Hiser, John Tranbarger,  
Fran Stansbury and Gusta Zweerink.

**This Week:**

Have a blessed week with  
your family & friends



**Looking Ahead:**

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Minute for Mission –  
School Supplies

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Church Pizza Night, 6-9pm see Nancy  
Hackett for details.

**Birthdays**

Skylyn Hill, 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sam Scott, 25<sup>th</sup>

**Meals on Wheels:** Fred & Rae Jean  
Palmerton

**Van Driver:** Jason Hutchins

**Nursery:** Jane Mitchell

**Sound:** Garry Hill

**Building Monitor:** Randy Zweerink

**Greeters:** Dan Wood & Brandon Sigourney

Please sign up for Fellowship time  
for July & August. We have plenty  
of open spots please take  
advantage of this great opportunity  
to be involved! The sign-up is in  
the kitchen on a clipboard.



**Food Pantry  
Needs:**

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Canned Vegetables**

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