

## Service Order for June 23, 2019



**Welcome**

**Opening Song: Whom Shall I Fear**

**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Come into the presence of God. Through Jesus Christ, He makes us His children, cleansing us of all sin and making us holy and righteous. So, we enter His courts with confidence that if we confess our sins, He will forgive us as He promised.

(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We often forget Your promises in times of need, sometimes even accusing You for our troubles and thinking You don't care. We forget You suffered for us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and His suffering and death on the cross, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

P: There is forgiveness in the name of the Lord. Therefore, I announce unto you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Here Jesus promise that He will never leave you nor forsake you.

C: Amen.

**Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving: How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

## **Epistle Reading - 1 Peter 4:12-13**

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

## **Gospel Reading - Luke 8:26-39**

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. 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. 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!" 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. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

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

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, 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. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed

man had been cured. 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.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "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.

**Children's Message** (Children dismissed to Children's Church)

**Sermon Hymn - It is Well**

**Sermon - Walking Through the Fires**

**Psalm 3**

Lord, how many are my foes!  
How many rise up against me!  
Many are saying of me,  
"God will not deliver him."

But you, Lord, are a shield around me,  
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.  
I call out to the Lord,  
and he answers me from his holy mountain.

I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.  
I will not fear though tens of thousands  
assail me on every side.

Arise, Lord!  
Deliver me, my God!  
Strike all my enemies on the jaw;  
break the teeth of the wicked.

From the Lord comes deliverance.

May your blessing be on your people.

**Offering** (Children return during offering)

**Prayers**

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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 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

## **Words of Institution**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Song: Holy Ground**

### **Distribution**

### **Prayer**

### **Benediction**

**Closing Song: Where I Belong**

**Announcements (Service Ends)**

**Clean Up**