

Luke 8:26-39 (NRSV)
Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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”—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 rushed 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 were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone 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.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 19, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Darrel Knoll
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 866	Darrel Knoll
*Prayer		
*Song of Gathering	Open My Eyes That I May See	VT 738
The Morning Psalm		Psalms 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Song As a Deer in Want of Water VT 552
Time for God's Children Lenna Knoll

SHARING

Moment in Mission – Creativity Camp! Jan Amstutz
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom
Bringing our First Fruits
Offertory Shirley Baltzer
Hymn My God, My God VT 696

LISTENING

The Lesson Luke 8:26-39
Message Naming Our Demons Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn Healer of Our Every Ill VT 644
Sending
Postlude Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- **Continue praying through our directory**
- Give thanks for **WDC's Gifts Discernment Committee**, and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions as they prepare nominations for elected leadership positions to bring for delegate action at WDC's annual assembly.
- Pray for Vision Council as they meet this Tuesday at 7 pm. Pray especially for the Ministry Team Leader.
- Pray for the families of those who are able to gather for Memorial Services this Saturday.

Announcements:

Share your “summer fun” activities with your church family. Post a photo and statement about what you have been doing on our church bulletin board or send information to secretary@fmchillsboro.com

Regarding volunteer help for the June 25 activities (the service in the morning and the luncheon to follow, and the service and meal in the afternoon), please check the white board across from the kitchen for assignments and schedule.