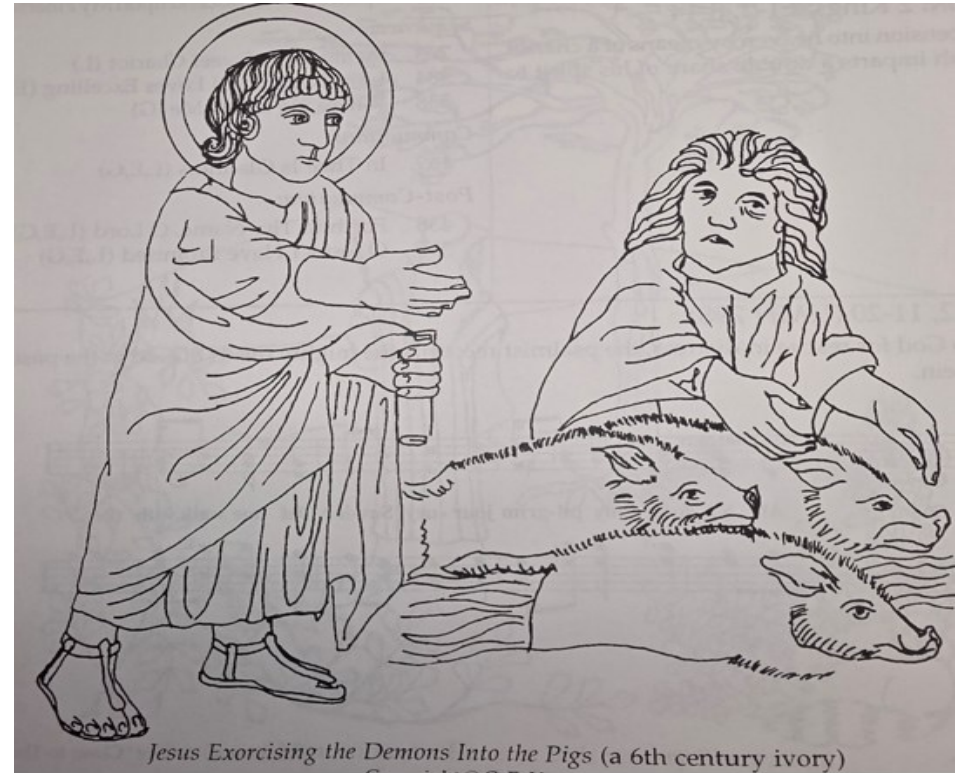


The United Methodist Church The First Presbyterian Church Shared Lenten Service March 19, 2025



We are glad that you joined us this evening for our united Lenten service of worship. You are invited to refreshments in our Fellowship Hall (downstairs) following the service of worship.



United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church
Accompanist

Pastor Dorie Hall
Pastor Steve Voris
Anissa Hanson-Vis

A Shared Lenten Service
United Methodist Church ~ First Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*OPENING PRAYER

*UNITED WE SING *"Come to Find the Quiet Center"* #2128 TFWS

CALL TO WORSHIP, *responsively*,

L: May the Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

L: We are here to worship you, to give thanks,

C: To offer praise and to be with each other in this time.

L: Lent is a time of reflection, preparation, and repentance. As we fix our gaze upon Christ's great sacrifice,

C: We examine ourselves and confess our sin before God and one another.

L: We are a wayward people.

C: We were dead in our sin, and you gave us life.

L: We wandered away from you, becoming exiles, and you rescued us and carried us home.

C: We have been sick, broken and needy, and you healed and restored us.

L: We deserve none of this. We deserve the penalty you bore on our behalf.

C: Yet, your love is so deep, your mercy so wide, your embrace so all enfolding that you have done for us what we could never do for ourselves.

L: You have made us your own. You have forgiven us and loved us.

C: We receive this gift with gratitude, joy, and awe. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 5:1-20
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MEDITATION

The Problem with Demons
Pastor Steve Voris

*UNITED WE SING *"It is Well With My Soul"* #377 UMH

*OFFERING PRAYER, *in unison*,

In response to the overwhelming love of God, let us give with a generosity that tugs at our hearts. Let our giving provide grace to those who have forgotten what grace feels like. Let our giving deliver joy to those who have forgotten what it is to walk with a lightness of heart. We give our gifts in celebration and thanksgiving for the God who knows us — and loves us still. Amen.

*UNITED WE SING *"Spirit of the Living God"* #393 UMH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *responsively*,

L: Together let us affirm our common faith:

C: We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, inclusion and grace. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

*UNITED WE SING *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* #431 UMH

POSTLUDE

**Indicates to please stand if you are able.*

Thank you for joining us for this Lenten Service tonight!