

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Hornpipe/ S. Wesley  
Holy, Holy, Holy/ arr. J. Innes*

## WORDS OF GREETING

Kevin Sheahan

## WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 97:1-6, 9, 11-12 (NIV)

**Leader:** The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

**People:** Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**Leader:** Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles

**People:** The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**Leader:** For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods

**People:** Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

IN PRAYER

## \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 310

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

## \*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

**Unison:** Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we are thankful that your mercy is  
higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wanderings,  
deeper than all our sin.  
Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,  
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,  
our envy of those who have more than we have,  
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.  
Help us to change our way of life  
so that we may desire what is good,  
love what you love,  
and do what you command,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

**Leader:** At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:3-5a, 7 (NIV)

## WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

## MISSION MOMENT

Emmanuel Mulondo

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Jesus Paid It All/ arr. R. Sterling*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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!" <sup>29</sup> For Jesus had commanded the evil 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.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

<sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them per-

mission.<sup>33</sup> 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.

<sup>34</sup> When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside,<sup>35</sup> 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.<sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.<sup>37</sup> 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.

<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,<sup>39</sup> "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.

SERMON

*Jesus Calms the Man*  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

## **WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Please Note:* Kevin Sheahan will be available in the rear of the sanctuary by the windows during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

## **WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED**

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **164** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE