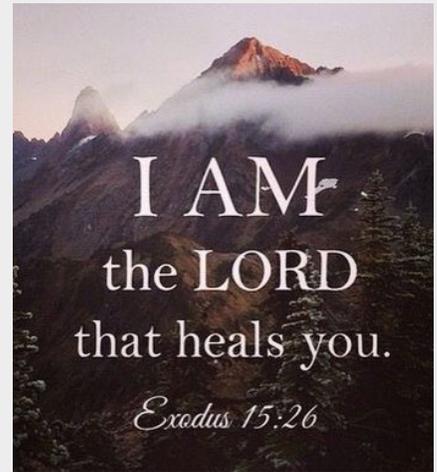




Order of Worship for
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020, 10:00am

*Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are here today.*



CHIMES

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC
Amazing Grace

arr. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

NCH 547
tune: Amazing Grace, C.M.

SCRIPTURE Mark 5:1-20 (NRSV)

Reader: The Rev. J Alan McLean

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ²And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. ³He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; ⁴for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. ⁶When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; ⁷and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ¹⁰He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; ¹²and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." ¹³So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

¹⁴The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. ¹⁶Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. ¹⁷Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. ¹⁸As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." ²⁰And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

MEDITATION Healing Body, Mind, and Spirit

The Rev. Dr. Rochelle A. Stackhouse

MUSIC

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Terrence French, Trumpet

Chris Jeffers, Piano

WEAVING PRAYERS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

HYMN

Out of the Depths, O God, We Call

NCH 554

tune: Fennville

BLESSING

CHOIR RESPONSE

***Our thanks to the everyone who created today's service.
Church members: Please remain on Zoom to join today's
Congregational Budget Meeting.***

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