

**Kasson
United Methodist Church
March 12, 2023**

Prelude

**FWS #2164 “Sanctuary” (2X)
UMH #133 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

Congregational Prayer

**Congregational Reading UMH #125
 “Canticle of Covenant Faithfulness”**

The Apostles’ Creed

Children’s Message “Nobody is Totally Hopeless”

Scripture Reading Mark 5:1-43

Sermon “Jesus’s Mercy Towards the Lost”

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering UMH #95 The Doxology

UMH #378 “Amazing Grace”

Closing Prayer and Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

Announcements

Postlude

The Apostles’ Creed UMH #881

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, dead and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

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. Amen.

Lenten Schedule:

March 15- 6:00 pm at PCUMC

March 22-6:00 pm at KUMC

March 29- 6:00 pm at PCUMC

Maundy Thursday-6:00 PM at PCUMC

Good Friday-6:00 pm at KUMC

No Choir practice March 29th nor April 5th.

SPRC meets March 14th at 6:30 pm.

Ad Council meets March 20th at 6:30 pm.

Articles for the newsletter are due March 20th.

March is Food Share month.

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Welcome to Worship!

Challenge: We are now in the season of Lent. The focus for this time for us will be on the life of Christ as contained in the Gospel of Mark, and also on the mercy that Jesus shows throughout. Your challenge throughout Lent is thus twofold. First is to read through the Gospel of Mark in its entirety. The second challenge is to act mercifully towards others in a way that you never have before.

Questions:

1) The first section of Mark 5 is about the demoniac in the tombs. Thinking about this man whom Jesus cast demons out of, how do you suppose he found himself in this position? Can such things happen today? How can one be healed of such awful affliction?

2) All throughout the Gospels, and indeed the New Testament, demons are cast out of individuals. In our post-enlightenment world we don't even like to postulate that such beings as demons exist, but clearly they were real in scripture. How do you approach this topic? Do you believe demons are real, why or why not? How does that flow with your understanding of scriptural authority?

3) Everything in scripture is done for a reason. The three miracles in this chapter, the casting out of demons and the healing of the bleeding woman and the raising to life of the little girl, all are done and written down to show us something about Jesus. What do these three accounts tell us about the Lord, and His mercy?
