



**...the LORD was not in the wind;  
...not in the earthquake;  
...not in the fire;**

**The LORD was in the stillness...**

# A Service of the Word and Sacrament

*Sunday, 22 June 2025*

*Worship: 10.00am*

## THE GATHERING

*Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests*  
{Congregational responses are in Bold/Italics}

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together...from even before "The Beginning"  
You were Lord, creating this universe and all it contains.  
Help us to appreciate that glorious Creation as a  
reflection of Your Power and Majesty, allowing us to  
Worship at all times and in all places in Spirit and in  
Truth...Amen.

## HYMN

"Come, Thou Font"

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...Almighty and Everlasting God, we confess  
that we are stubborn people. We think that we are in  
control and often act without even considering You and  
Your Will for us. We ask, that You forgive us for our  
stubbornness that leads to rebellion against You and all  
our other sins; in the powerful name of Jesus, we pray.  
AMEN

## ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, Jesus came not to call the righteous but those in  
need of healing and forgiveness -which includes us. His sacrifice  
has overcome Death and, if you believe the Good News of the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ, believing in your heart and confessing  
with your lips that He is the Son of God and your Redeemer,  
you will be forgiven....AMEN

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Larry

# Holy Scripture

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** - 1 Kings 19.1-8, 15a, 18  
Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." [The LORD] said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing

here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him..."Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

## **RESPONSIVE READING** - from Psalm 43

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?"  
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.  
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?"  
Why are you cast down, O my soul?  
Why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God;  
I shall again praise Him, my help and my God.  
Vindicate me, O God; defend my cause against ungodly  
people; from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!  
For You are the God in whom I take refuge;  
Why have You cast me off? Why must I walk about  
mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?  
O send out Your Light and Your Truth; let them lead me;  
Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling.  
I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise You with the harp, O God, my God.

## **GOSPEL LESSON** - Luke 8.26-39

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As [Jesus] stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met Him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him, shouting, 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", 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.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged [Jesus] not to order them to go back into the abyss. 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. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 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; they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "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.

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** "Torment Is Natural" Pastor Larry

**CONFESSION OF FAITH-** Apostle's Creed

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 again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on 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 Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN

## OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

**HYMN**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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# The Eucharist

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise...

Out of Your great love for the world, You sent Jesus among us to set us free from the tyranny of evil. He lived as one of us, sharing our joys and sorrows. By His dying and rising, He claimed us as Your people, and in our faithfulness we are continually singing:

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,

Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

Drive the doubt of dark away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the Light of day!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray...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; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. AMEN.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION - COMMUNION**

**HYMN** "Count Your Blessings" #594

***BENEDICTION and SENDING***

**LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH**

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;  
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

***CHURCH COUNCIL*** - - - meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Reader</b>	Dean Carson
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**Weekly Activities**

<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Drop In to visit with Pastor 10am-2pm
<b>Thursdays:</b>	Bible Study, the Gospel of Luke, 10am-? {We are currently on Chapter 5}

Always available by appointment...

The month of June has us collecting eyeglasses for the "Jesus Loves You Ministry" that we support as a congregation...used prescription glasses and newly purchased 'cheaters' are equally welcome...there is a receptacle for your glasses donations near the front door.