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Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2019

GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD

“All the believers were gathered together in one place” Acts 2:1

Piano Prelude	“ He is Exalted ” (arr. Wilson)	Margie Anderson
Lighting of the Altar Candles		Sara Snyder, Acolyte
*Praise Song	“ Holy, Holy, Holy ”	Praise Band
Welcome		Heath & Brandon
Greetings our Church Family		

OUR PRAISE TO GOD

“They were praying and singing hymns to God” Acts 16:25

Announcements		Heath & Brandon
Call to Worship:	UMH # 747	Psalm 15:1-5
		Alley Snyder
*Praise Songs	“ Everlasting God ”	“ How Great is Our God ”
*Invocation		Heath Petersen
Children’s Time		Kaitlyn Gattie
		Children are welcome to join Mrs. Gattie for Sunday school in the Children’s worship room
Gathering of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Walter Hause
Offertory Music	“ Blessings ” (Story)	Ina Ogden
*Doxology		
*Hymn: UMH # 159	“ Lift High the Cross ”	

GOD’S WORD TO US

“He started from scripture and told the good news about Jesus” Acts 8:35

Scripture:	Galatians 3:23-29 (MSG)	Walter Hause
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Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for. ²⁵⁻²⁷ But now you have arrived at your destination: By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe—Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise. ²⁸⁻²⁹ In Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ’s family, then you are Abraham’s famous “descendant,” heirs according to the covenant promises.

Luke 8:26-39 (MSG)

²⁶⁻²⁹ They sailed on to the country of the Gerasenes, directly opposite Galilee. As he stepped out onto land, a madman from town met him; he was a victim of demons. He hadn’t worn clothes for a long time, nor lived at home; he lived in the cemetery. When he saw Jesus he screamed, fell before him, and bellowed, “What business do you have messing with me? You’re Jesus, Son of the High God, but don’t give me a hard time!” (The man said this because Jesus had started to order the unclean spirit out of him.) Time after time the demon threw the man into convulsions. He had been placed under constant guard and tied with chains and shackles, but crazed and driven wild by the demon, he would shatter the bonds. ³⁰⁻³¹ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “Mob. My name is Mob,” he said, because many demons afflicted him. And they begged Jesus desperately not to order them to the bottomless pit. ³²⁻³³ A large herd of pigs was browsing and rooting on a nearby hill. The demons begged Jesus to order them into the pigs. He gave the order. It was even worse for the pigs than for the man. Crazed, they stampeded over a cliff into the lake and drowned. ³⁴⁻³⁶ Those tending the pigs, scared to death, bolted and told their story in town and country. People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had been sent, sitting there at Jesus’ feet, wearing decent clothes and making sense. It was a holy moment, and for a short time they were more reverent than curious. Then those who had seen it happen told how the demoniac had been saved. ³⁷⁻³⁹ Later, a great many people from the Gerasene countryside got together and asked Jesus to leave—too much change, too fast, and they were scared. So Jesus got back in the boat and set off. The man whom he had delivered from the demons asked to go with him, but he sent him back, saying, “Go home and tell everything God did in you.” So he went back and preached all over town everything Jesus had done in him.

Sermon:	“Things I Don’t Understand”	Rev. Dr. Sharon Austin
*Praise Song	“Mighty to Save”	

SENDING FORTH THE FAMILY OF GOD “And now I commend you to the care of God” Acts 20:32

*Benediction		
*Postlude	“Wonderful Grace of Jesus” (Lillenas)	Bill Wright, Organ

*** = Those who are able are invited to stand**

We are happy to have Rev. Dr. Sharon Austin, Director of Connectional Ministries of the Florida Annual Conference with us today and to bring our message.

*Please remember these in your prayers, visits
and other expressions of Christian love.*

Not at home: Mary Grose (New Horizon, WH), Shirley Pittenger (BRMC),
Sylvia Spencer (LRH), Lee Taylor (Rohr Home)

At home with medical issues: Diane Allen, John Anderson, Ed & Beverly Etheredge,
Marjorie Gay, Sally Harris, Walt Heidel, Brandon Hess, Pat Huff, Marianne McMillin,
Ann O'Berry, Rob O'Berry, Ruth O'Berry, Sara Odom, Bill Poe, Carolyn Presnell,
Steve Richardson, Bob Sarvis, Louise Taylor, Chuck & Barbara Weaver, Kathy Wood,
Pat Wright

In military: Chris Brooks, Victor Orem

Needing prayers: Pastor & Staff, District Supt. Candace Lewis, Bishop Ken Carter,
Christian, Dawn & Joshua Williams, Pioneer Missions, Indonesia

Cuba Covenant Sister Church: Iglesia Metodista de Santa Cruz del Sur, Camagüey, Cuba

The family of Pauline Perdue (Mother of Johnny Perdue)

Opportunities for Ministry

Sunday, June 23

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sharon Austin

9:30 – 10:30 am Disciple & Joy Sunday school classes
10:30 am Blended Worship Service - Children's Church

Monday, June 24

7:00 am Men's & Women's Breakfast & Bible Study (Perkins Restaurant)

Monday – Friday, June 24 – 28

9:00 am – Noon **Vacation Bible School** (Education Building)

Sunday, June 30

9:30 – 10:30 am Disciple & Joy Sunday school classes
10:30 am Blended Worship Service + Children's Church
VBS Children sing

**Vacation Bible School is June 24 - 28, 8:45 am – Noon
Call Susan Bergdoll at 602-7310 to volunteer**

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