**Mark 5:1-20**

***5****They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.* ***2****When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.* ***3****This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.* ***4****For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.* ***5****Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.*

***6****When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.* ***7****He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!”* ***8****For Jesus had said to him,* “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

***9****Then Jesus asked him,* “What is your name?”

*“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.”* ***10****And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.*

***11****A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside.* ***12****The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.”* ***13****He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.*

***14****Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.* ***15****When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.* ***16****Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well.* ***17****Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.*

***18****As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.* ***19****Jesus did not let him, but said,* “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”***20****So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.*

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**Memorial Day (tomorrow) Monday, May 26**

**LAST PRAYER ZOOM/CALL**

**Wednesday, May 28 @ 6:45am**

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**Sunday, May 25, 2025**

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***We Share God’s Word***

**Scripture Reading** … Mark 5: 1-20 … Michael Blankenship

**Reflect in Song** … Joyce Bolden

**Sermon** … Crossing Over … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

***We Respond***

**Respond in Music** … Kimari Spangler

**Celebration of Giving**

**Giving Prayer**

The love of God, offered to us, freely, joyfully, and for all eternity, can make us better. Let us rejoice in this Good News of our Lord. Let us live into this promise of God. Let us tell our story to others. Let us offer our love and our resources to one another, freely, joyfully, and for all eternity. AMEN.

**Affirm Our Faith** (Mark 12: 28-31) ***28****“…Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”* ***29****“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.****30****Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’****31****The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”*

***We Tell the Good News***

**Go in Peace** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**Benediction** … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

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**Our Prayer List Jon Barton, Jim Slaughter, Joe Loving, Jr, Thom Witting, Gabriela Rangel, Geri Tankersly, Rhonda Hale, Lucy Glymph, Frederick Bolden**

**We count it a joy that you shared with us today!**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you,**

**May the face of the Lord shine upon you and be gracious to you,**

**May the Lord turn to you and give you peace…**

**Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, May 25, 2025**

***We Gather***

**Gather in Song** … Kimari Spangler (2)

**Scripture** … Psalm 68: 32-35 … Cathy Keith

*Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,* ***33****to the one who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.* ***34****Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.* ***35****You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to God’s people. Praise be to God!*

**Greetings/Call to Worship** … Martin Rangel

Lord, what a joy it is to be in your presence one more time. Despite what might be happening around us, we have come to worship You. Despite our doubts and the things which make us afraid, we have come to worship You. Despite the distractions which might turn us away, we have come to worship you. When we assemble in this place, we are rooted in your love, and we grow by your compassion. Guide us, lead us and encourage us to live in your will. Together we say thank you, hallelujah and amen.

***We Call Upon the Lord***

**Invitation in Music** … Kimari Spangler

**Prayers of the People** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

**Gloria Patri** … Kimari Spangler

**Blessed Break** *(Let us greet one another in the name of Jesus)*