

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Gathering

Welcome
Call to Worship and Passing the Peace
Congregational Songs HWB 89 For the beauty of the earth
STS 116 I saw a tree by the riverside

Listening

Prayer of Confession and Assurance STJ 132
Scripture Reading Luke 8:26-39
Psalm 42
Sermon Jeremy Zehr

Responding

Congregational Songs
STS 1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness
HWB 493 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Offering
Congregational Sharing
Prayer

Sending

Announcements
Congregational Song STS 40 We will follow
Benediction

**God has poured his blessing after blessing upon you.
You are healed and sent forth to serve in God's world. Go in
peace and may God's peace always be with you. Amen.**

Worship Leader: Teresa Zehr
Song Leader: Darlene Rempel
Accompanist: Deb Schiedel Lapp

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for those affected by the Orlando shooting and those in our community personally affected by violence or judgement.
- Pray for minds to be opened and hearts to be softened when we judge others and work to include "them".

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Potluck** – Today
- **Congregational Meeting** – June 26: Building Committee update, Nominating Committee 2016-17 recommendations, financial update and refugee information.(Nomination Candidate List beside mailboxes)
- **Food Bank** - Next meets on June 25 and July 9
- **EMC Convention** – July 1-3 in Steinbach



Coffee for June 26 – Ron and Ruth

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Genevieve began her new role as church secretary last week. Please continue to use the office email address (aberdeenchurch2@gmail.com) or office phone number for all your worship material and announcements.
- Sunnie is away this weekend.
- The Bethania Group has developed a declaration on *Physician Assisted Death*. A letter to churches and copies of the declaration are on the mailbox table at the back.
- The EMC General Board has approved a modified budget due to significant shortfall in 2015. Budget questions will be discussed at the Conference Council July 2, 2016. Copies of these questions for each conference board are printed on blue paper on the mailbox table.

Call to Worship (1 Kings 19, Psalm 42, Galatians 3, Luke 8)

As the deep calls to the deep
in thundering waves of faith and steadfast love,
so we stand on the mountain with Elijah,
feeling billowing waves of God's power
flowing over and through us.
Set aside your enemies—
the people, thoughts, time, and challenges—
that separate you from knowing God's love.
Clothe yourselves in Christ.
Shout praise in his name,
and declare how much God has done for you.

Psalm 42

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you,
my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I
go and meet with God? My tears have been my food
day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your
God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go
to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with
shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.
Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my
God.

My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount
Mizar. Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your
waves and breakers have swept over me.
By day the LORD directs his love, 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 go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"
My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me
all day long, "Where is your God?"
Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my
God.

Luke 8:26-39

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.