

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, January 19, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Moore

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 97:1-7

Pastor: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!

**Congregation: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Pastor: Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.

**Congregation: His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**

Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

**All: The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory!**

Song of Adoration: Red Book # 53- Ancient of Days

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #334- Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Song of Thanksgiving: Gentle Shepherd

Profession of Faith

104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

In the fourth petition, which is, "Give us this day our daily bread," we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy His blessing with them.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:1-7

Confession of Sin (based on Romans 7:15-23)

Loving God,

we confess that we have sinned.

Even though we want to do what is right,

we did not always succeed this week.

Not only did we fail to do what was right,

but at times we consciously chose to think and act  
in ways we knew were wrong.  
We are truly sorry,  
and we ask for your forgiveness.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**14** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; **15** and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

**16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Dennis Ferris

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #439- Christ Shall Have Dominion

Sermon text: Mark 4:35-5:20

**35** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." **36** And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. **37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **39** And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40** He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**1** They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. **2** And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. **3** He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, **4** for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. **5** Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. **6** And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. **7** And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." **8** For he

was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" **9** And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." **10** And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. **11** Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, **12** and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." **13** So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

**14** The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. **15** And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. **16** And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. **17** And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. **18** As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. **19** And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

#### Children's Message

Sermon: The Good Shepherd and the Hopeless Sheep

Outline:

- I. Across the Lake: Lord of the Storm
- II. The Wrong Side of the Lake: Seeking the Lost Sheep
- III. The Hopeless Sheep: Dehumanized by Demons
- IV. The Good Shepherd: Restoration and Life

Closing Song: Hymn #384- Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.