

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, February 1, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 116:1-9

Pastor: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

**Congregation: Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

**Congregation: Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Lord, save me!"**

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**Congregation: The Lord protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Pastor: Return to your rest, my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.

**Congregation: For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;**

**All: I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Song of Adoration: People of God

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #108- Whatever My God Ordains Is Right

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #32- How Great Is Our God

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we are not worthy of Your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we draw near to You: listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and carried in Your arms. Cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may share the radiant light of Your Spirit and Your character with the world. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen

Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: I Will Change Your Name

Sermon text: Luke 8:26-39

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. **27** When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. **28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." **29** For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time 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 desert.) **30** Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. **31** And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. **32** Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. **33** Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. **35** Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. **36** And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. **37** Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. **38** The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, **39** "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Children's Message

Sermon: Behind Enemy Lines - Jesus Saves One Lost Pagan

Outline:

- I. A Very Lost Man
- II. The Power of Jesus
- III. The Compassion of Jesus

Song of Grace: Hymn #425- Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Invitation to Table:

Minister According to Christ's commandment:

People We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Minister Christ the bread of life:

People When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Pastor: As Paul said to the Corinthians, so I say to you, Christ the Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us. Let us keep the feast!

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

Closing Song: Red Book #51- The Bond of Love

Benediction: 2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.