



Sunday, February 4, 2024

Directly on leaving the meeting place, they came to Simon and Andrew's house, accompanied by James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed burning up with fever. They told Jesus. He went to her, took her hand, and raised her up. No sooner had the fever left than she was up fixing dinner for them. That evening, after the sun was down, they brought sick and evil-afflicted people to him, the whole city lined up at his door! He cured their sick bodies and tormented spirits.

Because the demons knew his true identity, he didn't let them say a word. While it was still night, way before dawn, he got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed. Simon and those with him went looking for him. They found him and said, "Everybody's looking for you." Jesus said, "Let's go to the rest of the villages so I can preach there also. This is why I've come." He went to their meeting places all through Galilee, preaching and throwing out the demons.

Mark 1:29-38 (MSG)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Sara Woodbury & Bob Ganse, Kathy & Dan Missildine, Eileen & Harry Flick, Shelby & Jack Snyder

Ushers: Leigh Shuman, Rachel Reist, Joyce Shaffer, Donna Kinsey

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

"Gymnopedie" by E. Satie

Maggie Pember

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

* Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: When we look at the night sky, speckled with stars,

People: we discover the never-ending imagination of Creator God.

Leader: When we select people not chosen on life's playgrounds,

People: we join Christ in the ministry of grace, healing, and hope.

Leader: When we set aside the time for prayer, as well as wonder,

People: we meet the Spirit who is at our side in every moment.

All: Let us worship Triune God together!

* Opening Hymn #138

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Proclaiming God's Word

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

In the deserted times of our lives, we realize how we have failed to love, to act, to be God's children. Jesus comes, not only praying for us, but holding us, mending us, sending us forth as new people. Let us come to God, naming what we would rather forget, confessing what we failed to do, and confiding in God where we fail to live as God desires us to be. First in silence and then together, let us tell God who we are and respond to God's words of loving, forgiveness, healing, and wholeness.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

In our tireless persistence to cross the finish line of achievement, Listening God, we know we completely miss people we could have helped. While we attempt to climb the ladder of success, we know we push past ones too weary to continue, ones looking for encouragement and support. In our relentless pursuit of the next big thing, the newest idea or gadget which might change our lives, we completely miss the quiet place where we can listen to Your heart and find our true home. Forgive us, God. You who hear our hearts cry, help us reach down to lift up ones who fall. Let us abandon our delusional false security as we commit our lives into Your hopeful and joy filled future. Let us follow Jesus, Christ, our Lord and Savior who leads us no matter what life will bring. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: No matter how many times it is said, it bears repeating: God loves us, God forgives us, God heals us God restores us to new life.

People: This is Good News! God listens to our words, fills us with grace, and sends us forth to proclaim the gospel to others.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*At this time, children through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.
Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Choir Anthem

"If You Love Me"

by John Ness Beck

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29-38

Message

"Claimed as Disciples"

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Responding to God's Word

Invitation To The Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ken Osborne

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy 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;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Distribution of Elements

*It is our custom at Highland to eat the bread, representing your individual relationship with God.
However, please hold the cup until all are able to partake together, representing our relationship as the body of Christ.*

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Invitation to the Offering

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Organ Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON & JOHN HOLTZAPPLE

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.