**Jesus and Demons and Me. OH MY!**

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

**Chimes**

**Greeting**

L: Through the power and witness of Jesus Christ, God offers

us new life.

**P: Thanks be to God who has showered us with blessing**

**upon blessing!**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church**

* Announcements
  + Communion Next Week
  + Ash Wednesday Feb 17
  + Lenten Study: Gifts of the Spirit
  + Lenten Focus
  + Holy Conversations Team
  + Q-Anon update

**\*Invitation to Worship**

L:By this we have known the presence of the Lord:   
**P: In the rising of the sun, in the smile of another’s face,**   
L: In the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,   
**P: In the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.**   
L: By this I have known the power of the Lord:   
**P: In the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,**   
L: In the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,   
**P: In the shower of love that comes from God’s Son.**   
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!   
**P: Let us worship our God, whose presence and power**

**endures forever!**

**\*Opening Hymn.** Christ Whose Glory Fills.. UMH #173

**\*Opening Prayer**

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine Wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Children’s Moments**

**Special Music** Karen Joy Smith

**Scripture Mark 1:21-28**

21They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” 25But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” 28At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. [[1]](#footnote-1)

**Response:**

L: The word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Jesus and Demons and Me. OH MY!

**\*Response** Channel of Your Love (Insert: Doug)

**Prayer Time**

* *Sharing Joys and Concerns*
* *Prayer Sentence:* *Quiet your hearts, beloved of God, for God is speaking to you with love. Rest your spirits, struggling ones, for God will surround you with peace. Open your lives to God’s power and presence and do not be afraid. God is with us, now and for all time. AMEN.*
* *Prayer Song Turn Your Eyes UMH #349*
* *Pastoral Prayer*
* *Lord’s Prayer:* ***Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Offering**

* *Offertory Sentence: The grace of God has been given in abundance. The fruit of the Spirit has been seen in our lives. The gifts of the Spirit have been given us in great measure. Let us give back blessing to the One who has blessed.*
* *Offertory*
* *Doxology*
* *Offertory Prayer: Gracious God, use these gifts. Use our words. Use our lives. Do what you will in and through us to bring your light and grace to the world. Amen.*

**\*Closing Hymn** What a Mighty God We Serve. TFWS #2021

**\*Benediction**

L: Go on; get out of here! God’s prophet, God’s Son,

calls us to teach others of God’s power and might.   
**B: From this worshipping fellowship, we go into the**

**community, seeking to tell others our stories.**   
L: Go on; get out of here! Share how God has transformed

you. Invite others to become disciples of this new teacher.   
**B: We will invite others to share our journey, even if it**

**scares us to death.**   
L: Go on, I mean it; get out of here! Share how God has

brought you to knowledge and wisdom of new ways, new

opportunities, new ways of being.   
**B: We go with joy. We leave in peace. Amen.**

**Postlude**

1. Vanderbilt Divinity Library. (2009). [*United Methodist Revised Common Lectionary*](https://ref.ly/logosres/umrcl?ref=YearMonthDay.1-31-2021&off=339&ctx=rinthians+8:1%E2%80%9313%0a+%0aGOSPEL%0aMark+1:21%E2%80%9328%0a~+). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)