



**April 7, 2024**

**10 am Worship**

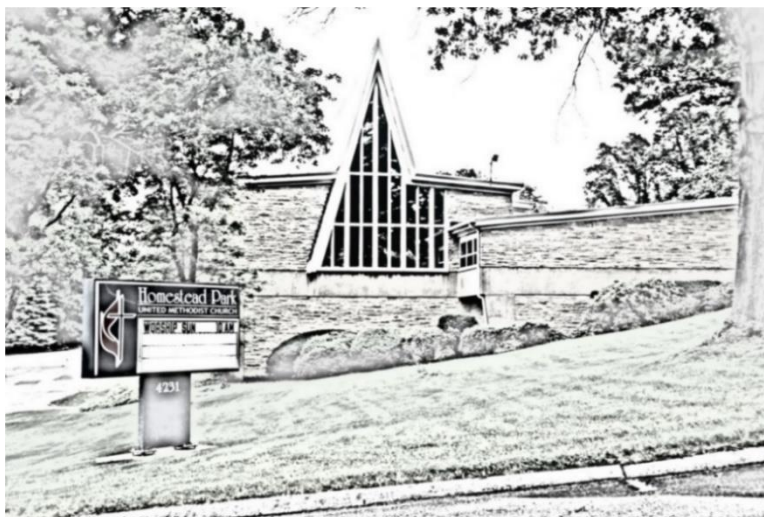
**Easter Season**

**Message:**

**It Doesn't Have to be This Way!**

**Scripture:**

**Mark 5: 1-20 NIV**



*Our Mission*

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

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## Easter Season

### *Prelude*

### *Welcome*

#### **\*Opening Prayer (unison)**

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Walk in the light of his love.

Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

#### **\*Call to Worship (responsive)**

Pastor: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**All: Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.**

Pastor: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**All: Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God's love.**

Pastor: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**All: Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!**

#### **\* Hymn of Preparation**

Hymn of Promise #707

### *Children's Message*

#### **Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Our Time of Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

#### **\* Hymn of Praise**

Glory be to the Father #70

\* Please stand as you are able.



## **Scripture**

## **Mark 5: 1-20 NIV**

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup>This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup>For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. <sup>7</sup>He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” <sup>8</sup>For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

<sup>9</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” <sup>10</sup>And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

<sup>11</sup>A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. <sup>12</sup>The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” <sup>13</sup>He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>14</sup>Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup>When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. <sup>17</sup>Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup>Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” <sup>20</sup>So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

## **Message**

Pastor Don Kephart

## **It Doesn't Have to be This Way!**

## **\* Hymn of Dedication**

Morning Has Broken #145

## **Benediction**

*Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.*

## weekly schedule

All are welcome!  
Please contact the office for more information.

Sunday 10am	Worship
Sunday 11am (Prayer Room)	Prayer Meeting
Monday 9:30am (Fellowship Hall)	Tai Chi
Monday 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	Cub Scouts
Monday 7pm (4 <sup>th</sup> Fl Annex Hall)	Boy Scouts
Tuesday 10am (Fellowship Hall)	Line Dancers
Tuesday 7pm (Fellowship Hall)	Just Recovery
Friday 10am (Fellowship Hall)	Line Dancers
Saturday (Fellowship Hall)	Homeless Ministry



04/09/2024 11 am *Tuesday in the "Word"* Bible Study  
The Book of Esther ~ Chapter 5 ~ Esther's Banquet  
Any and All are Welcome! (4<sup>th</sup> Fl Annex Hall)





## upcoming Events

Sunday, April 21, 2024 3pm

Pittsburgh District Conference ~ *Dutilh Church, 1270 Dutilh Rd, Cranberry Township, PA 16066* ~ The meeting is held to conduct necessary business of the district. All welcome!

### A Note from Pastor Don

Members and Friends, Please contact me directly by cell phone text or email if you need to speak with me. My contact information is located in the bulletin as well as on the business cards in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

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### Holy Communion Schedule

Holy Communion will be held on the **first Sunday** of **February, June, August, October, and December**, as well as on **Ash Wednesday** and **Maundy Thursday**.