

Welcome to  
Homestead Park  
United Methodist Church

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The background features a warm, golden-brown color palette. It is decorated with stylized autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown, some with dark outlines. Scattered throughout are numerous bokeh lights of varying sizes, creating a soft, glowing effect. The overall aesthetic is cozy and celebratory.

# Announcements ~ This Week ~

# *Tuesday in the Word*

Bible Study

04/02/2024 11 am

(4<sup>th</sup> Fl Annex Hall)

A Study in the Book of Esther

Chapter 5 ~ Esther's Banquet

Any and All are Welcome!

*weekly  
schedule*

**All are welcome!**

**Sunday 11am**  
(Prayer Room)

**Prayer Meeting**

**Monday 9<sup>30</sup>am**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Tai Chi**

**Monday 6<sup>30</sup>pm**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Cub Scouts**

*weekly  
schedule*

**All are welcome!**

**Monday 7 pm**  
(4<sup>th</sup> Fl Annex Hall)

**Boy Scouts**

**Tuesday 10am**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Line Dancers**

**Tuesday 7pm**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Just Recovery**

*weekly  
schedule*

**All are welcome!**

**Friday 10am**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Line Dancers**

**Saturdays  
and Sundays**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Homeless Ministry**  
*Packing and delivery*



# Upcoming Events



**Sunday 04/21/24 3pm**

**Pittsburgh District**

**Conference**

**Dutilh Church, 1270 Dutilh Rd,**

**Cranberry Township, PA 16066**

**All welcome!**



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# Other Announcements

# Opening Prayer

(unison)

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**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

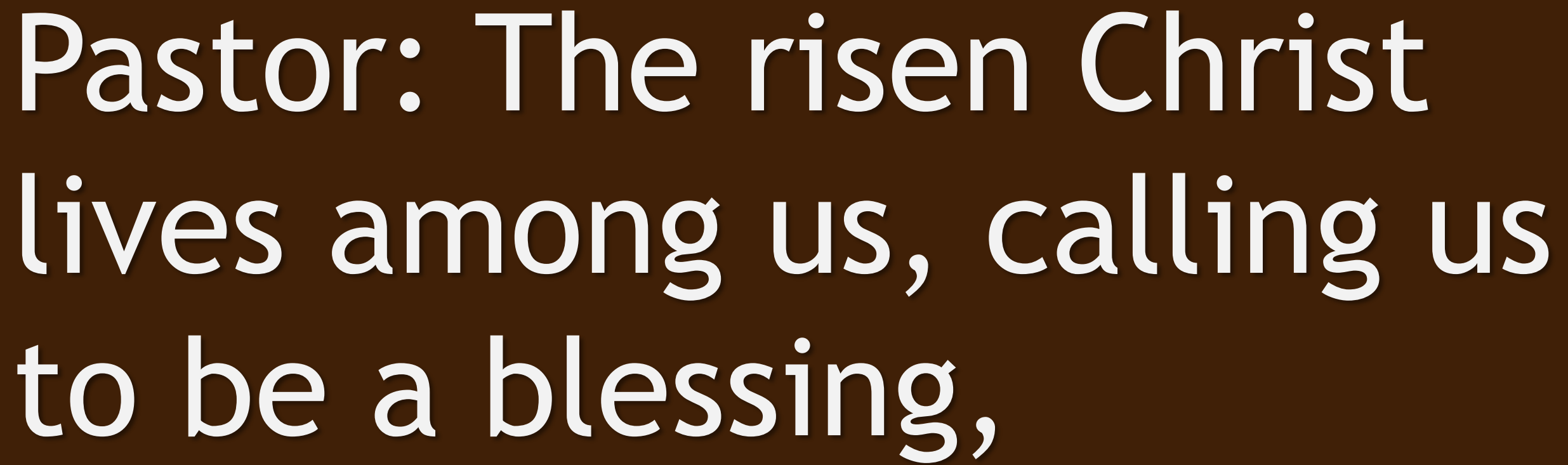


**celebrate the triumph of  
our Lord. Amen.**

# Call To Worship

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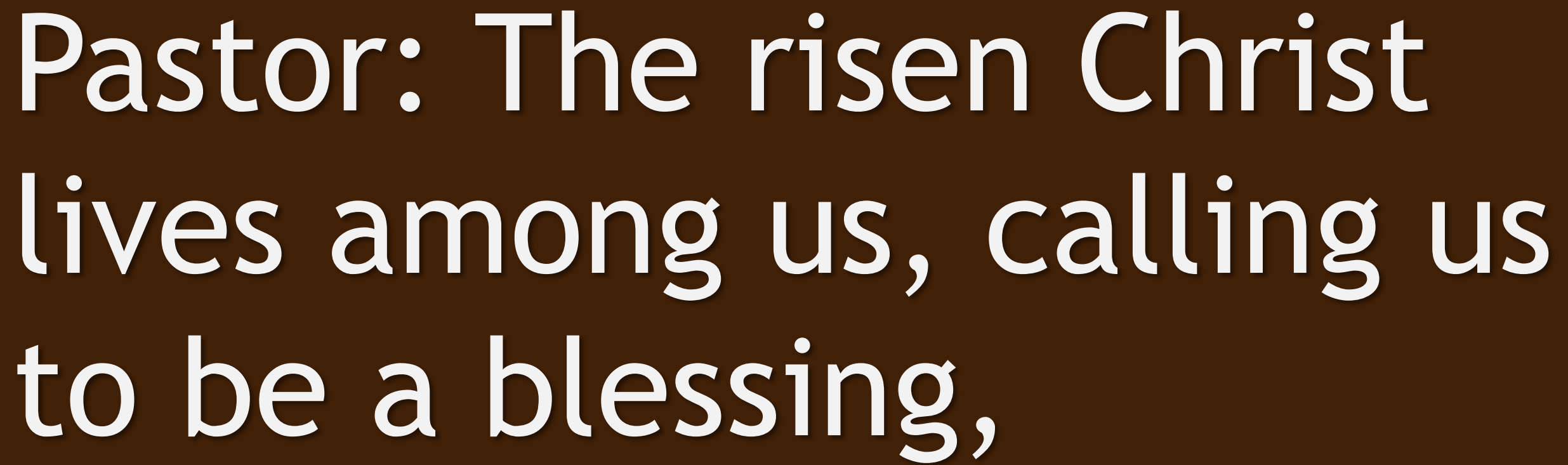
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lives among us, calling us  
to be a blessing,

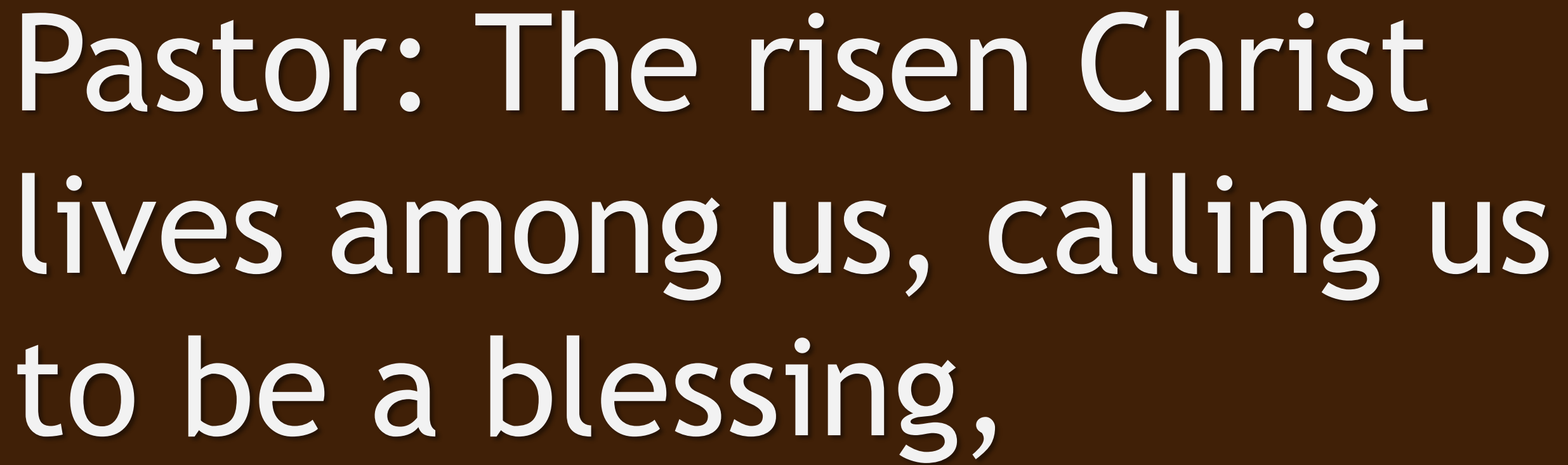
**All: Calling us to heal  
and transform the  
brokenness and the  
violence of our world.  
before dawn.**





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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

In the bulb  
there is a flower;  
in the seed,  
an apple tree

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in cocoons,  
a hidden promise:  
Butterflies  
will soon be free!

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In the cold  
and snow of winter  
there's a spring  
that waits to be

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Unrevealed  
until its season,  
Something  
God alone can see.

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There's a song  
in every silence,  
Seeking  
word and melody

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there's a dawn  
in every darkness  
bringing hope  
to you and me.

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From the past  
will come the future;  
what it holds,  
a mystery,

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In our end is our  
beginning;  
in our time,  
infinity

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in our doubt  
there is believing;  
in our life,  
eternity.

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In our death,  
a resurrection;  
at the last,  
a victory,

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# Children's Message

# Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings



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Doxology

Praise God


from Whom

All Blessings Flow #95

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Praise God from Whom all  
blessings flow. Praise Him all  
creatures here below. Praise  
Him above, ye, heavenly  
host. Praise Father, Son, and  
Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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# Prayer of Dedication

(Please stand as you are able)

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# Our Time of Prayer



# The Lord's Prayer



**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 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.**

Hymn

Glory be to the  
Father #70

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. Amen.

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Our 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!”**

**9 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

It Doesn't Have  
to be This Way!

Pastor Don Kephart

Hymn of Dedication

Morning Has  
Broken #145

Morning has broken  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird.

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**Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them,  
springing  
Fresh from the Word!**

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Sweet the rain's new  
fall

Sunlit from Heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass.

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Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.

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Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!

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Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day!

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# Benediction

Thank you for  
joining us  
in worship!

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