

Welcome to  
**The Presbyterian Church of Saint David**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost - June 23, 2019**

many times 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 wilds.)<sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.<sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.<sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.<sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they 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.<sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.<sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes, asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,<sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Call to Worship:** [*Ps. 43:3-4*]

L> O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**P> Then I will go the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;  
and I will praise you. . . O God, my God.**

**Prayer of Adoration:** (said together)

**In the excitement and challenges,  
the confusion and storms of life,  
O God, you come to us in stillness and peace,  
reminding us that you are always there with us.  
We praise you for your presence, your guidance,  
and your love,  
made known most fully in your Son Jesus Christ.  
All glory and honour be to you, O God:  
our Maker, Saviour, and Friend, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn:** As the deer 27 (*sung twice*)

**RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:**

L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God  
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.**

**The Word of God:** *I Kings 19:1-15a*  
*Luke 8:26-39*

One> *This is the word of the Lord.* **ALL> Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others**

**Communion**

**Prayer:** *(said together)*

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude  
for this moment, this meal, these people,  
we give ourselves to you, O God.**

**Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.  
Ask much of us, expect much of us,  
enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

**So, Gracious God, may we live to your glory,  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.  
In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Dear Father, Lord of humankind 451

**Blessing:** *[from The Iona Community]*

L> May the everlasting God shield you;  
east and west and wherever you go.  
And the blessing of God be upon you,

**ALL> the blessing of the God of life.**

L> The blessing of Christ be upon you,

**ALL> the blessing of the Christ of love.**

L> The blessing of the Spirit be upon you,

**ALL> the blessing of the Spirit of grace.**

L> The blessing of the Trinity be upon you,  
now and forevermore.

**ALL> Amen.**

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### **I Kings 19:1-15a**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

<sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;

### **Luke 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For