

Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.

Discussion Questions

- Week Four Spreading the News Mark 1:21-28

Focus verses: "Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, 'What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!' Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee." (vs. 27-28)

Jesus' teaching makes the people in the synagogue uneasy in this week's scripture lesson. It's not just the healing that he is doing that is catching attention, it is also the authority with which he is teaching. The evidence of Jesus' authority is seen in the reactions of the evil spirit, but Jesus insists on not sharing his identity with anyone. Even with this refusal, the evidence of who he is becomes increasingly powerful. What kind of authority do you give to Jesus in your life? If someone were to observe your actions for a few days, would they be able to see anything that would suggest you follow Jesus?

As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me at 256-353-6941 or email me at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com.



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Urgent Message

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Musical Gift
"Rejoice With a Song"

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 398 "Jesus Calls Us"

Alexander & Jude

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
 and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Hymn #348 “Softly and Tenderly”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me

Refrain

Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for
me

Refrain

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and
for me.

Refrain

Bible Reading — Mark 1:14-20

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy
Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

Jesus calls disciples

As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Urgent Message”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
No turning back no turning back

Organist: Virginia Paul

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