



**An Inclusive Christian Community
feeding the spiritual and physical hunger of Oakland.**

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Sending Grace

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

How Majestic is Your Name

Michael W. Smith
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Dr. George Han

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Marlene Yamashita

Leader: Out of the storms and chaos,
Jesus calls us to a place of peace.

**People: We come to sit at his feet,
to be clothed in grace.**

Leader: No force can hold us back from the Savior's love.

**People: We gather to worship the One
who has done great things for us.**

All: Let us declare the mercy of God in this place! Amen

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Opening Song (organ)

(Please stand if able)

God of Grace and God of Glory
UMH 577 vs 1,3,4

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee who we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Scripture

Luke 8:26-39 (NIV)

Marlene Yamashita

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Response (organ)

Shout for Joy!

Allen Pote
LMUMC Choir
Israel Rangel-Mejia, trumpet

Sermon

Sending Grace

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

Response

If With All Your Hearts You Truly Love Him

Felix Mendelssohn
Israel Rangel-Mejia, tenor

Prayers & Gratitudes (organ)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying TFWS 2193 (3x)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving

Bless Thou the Gifts UMH 587 (2x)

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Closing Song (organ)

(Please stand if able)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing UMH 664

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The service is ended,
O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving,
to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Marlene Yamashita

Leader: Go forth into the world with the peace of Christ,
knowing that no place is too dark,
no heart too broken, and no distance
too great for the reach of God's liberating love.

**All: As you have been healed and clothed in grace,
go and tell your neighbors and your community
how much Jesus has done for you. Amen**

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Postlude (organ)

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes
arr. Paul Manz