

PASTOR: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.  
PEOPLE: **The LORD lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymn 77 (vv 1-5)*  
***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Psalm 103)***

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN *Psalm 32:1-6*

PASTOR: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts  
no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

PASTOR: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

PEOPLE: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

PASTOR: I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

PEOPLE: **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PASTOR: Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

PEOPLE: **Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN *In these moments, we individually  
come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may  
take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD *Isaiah 53:4-5*

PASTOR: Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hymn 55 (vv 1-3)*  
***To God Be the Glory***

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE *Pastor David Rogers*

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING *(Sign, pass & return black pad  
at the end of the aisle)*

◆ OFFERTORY **“Trust in the Lord”** *Choir*  
*—by Benjamin Harlan—*

\* PRAISING OUR GOD *Doxology (Hymn 731)*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD’S WORD *Ensemble & Congregation*  
***Every Promise***

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.  
For your covenant is sure,  
and on this I am secure—  
I can stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.  
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,  
so I stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.  
Guilt to innocence restored,  
you remember sins no more—  
so I’ll stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.

When I’m faced with anguished choice,  
I will listen for your voice,  
and I’ll stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.  
Through this dark and troubled land  
you will guide me with your hand  
as I stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.  
And you’ve promised to complete  
ev’ry work begun in me—  
so I’ll stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev’ry fear,  
as I stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,  
and I stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
grace for all who will believe—  
we will stand on ev’ry promise of your Word.

\* SCRIPTURE READING *Elder David Schlimme  
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***Mark 5:1-20***  
*(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)*

APPLYING GOD’S WORD *Rev. David Rogers*

**“A Hopeless Case?”**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD’S SUPPER *(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.  
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)*

\* RESPONDING IN SONG *Ensemble & Congregation*

***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for ev’ry sin on him was laid—  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine—  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
this is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
from life’s first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home—  
here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

\* BENEDICTION *Ephesians 3:20-21*

PASTOR: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all  
that we ask or think, according to the power at work  
within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ  
Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Hana Do*

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171  
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

\* Congregation Please Stand

*If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,  
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.*

## SCRIPTURE

### Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. <sup>3</sup> He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, <sup>4</sup> for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. <sup>6</sup> And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. <sup>7</sup> And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." <sup>8</sup> For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup> And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." <sup>10</sup> And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup> Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, <sup>12</sup> and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." <sup>13</sup> So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup> The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. <sup>17</sup> And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup> As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup> And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

## SERMON NOTES

**TITLE:** "A Hopeless Case?"

**TEXT:** Mark 5:1-20

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### Next Week:

Text: Mark 5:21-24a,35-43

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Officers' Prayer for Church—Admin Rm103 Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall Town North Teens—Admin, Youth Rm	12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Women's morning Bible Study—CE Rm201 Women's evening Bible Study—Admin Rm103 Ensemble Rehearsal—Sanctuary	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Adult Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary Wednesday Night Prayer—Admin Rm103	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Men's Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	6:30 p.m.

Church activity calendar is available on-line at [www.tnpc.org/events](http://www.tnpc.org/events).

### WORSHIP SERVICE

**VISITORS** — Please let us know you better so we can pray for you. Please sign the visitor pad at the end of the aisle. **NURSERY IS PROVIDED DURING** Sunday School and the worship service for all children age three and under. Classrooms are located on the first floor of the Education Building.

**COMMUNION** — We will be serving only gluten-free bread at the Lord's Table.

**LIFEChange OFFERING** — Last week's total LIFEChange was \$ 621.73.

Thanks be to God! If you did not bring your LIFEChange last Sunday, you may put your check in this morning's offering, marked "LIFEChange".

**OUR TNPC MERCY MINISTRY** — Is funded through the "Deacons Fund".

Your gracious donations specified "Deacons Fund" support our Deacons in bringing financial relief to members and others in special need.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Frontline Prayer  
Every Wednesday at 7pm!

Want to learn more  
about Town North or  
become a member?

A new...

"Inquirer's Class"  
began  
this morning

(But there's still time to join!)

Sundays 9:00am  
Christian Education Bldg.  
Room 200-201

If you have any questions,  
please contact Pastor Rogers  
at [david.rogers@tnpc.org](mailto:david.rogers@tnpc.org).

#### COMMUNICANTS' CLASS BEGINS MARCH 1

This class is the first step for our covenant children to be admitted to the Lord's Table.

A mandatory Informational Meeting  
for Parents will be held **TODAY**  
in the Fellowship Hall, immediately  
following worship.

Please contact Pastor Andrew with  
questions or to sign up your child:  
[andrew.cies@tnpc.org](mailto:andrew.cies@tnpc.org)

#### Visitors Lunch

Next Sunday, March 1  
Fellowship Hall after Worship



Please bring a **generous** portion of a *delicious* dish  
to share. Drinks and Desserts will be provided.

Ladies Spring Study on Daniel — Week 6 — 2/25 — Daniel 5

#### Fiscal Year 2020

Totals through February 16, 2020

(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income	\$ 541,441
Designated Giving	\$ 94,643
Total Expenses	\$ 529,312
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 106,772

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Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.



## The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 2020 10:30 A.M.

### REFLECTION

"No single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'"

-Abraham Kuyper, Quote from Kuyper's inaugural address at the dedication of the Free University. Found in *Abraham Kuyper: A Centennial Reader*, ed. James D. Bratt (Eerdmans, 1998), 488.

### PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

(Church elders will be available in the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude)

### ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Andrew Cies

### \* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147:1-6

**PASTOR:** Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**PEOPLE:** **The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

**PASTOR:** He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**PEOPLE:** **He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.**

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