

Mindful Monday 06/23/2025

Sunday marked the fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Dianna delivered a sermon on the theme "Belonging to Christ." The scriptural readings were taken from Galatians 3:23-29 and Luke 8:26-39.

Galatians 3:23 explains that before faith in Jesus Christ, humanity was "shut up" under the law, like being held in custody. This confinement was not punitive, but rather a protective measure, intended to reveal the need for faith in Christ and lead people to salvation through him. Before Jesus, God's people, for all the protection of the law, did not enjoy God's rescue from the age of evil, by God's help they endured.

In Luke 8, Jesus restored dignity to a demon-possessed man named Legion. When Jesus arrived in Gerasene, He met Legion, who lived among the tombs without clothing or shelter. Legion cried out to Jesus, begging not to be tortured. Instead of harming him, Jesus restored his humanity and taught him love.

We are told that we should love one another and to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. The Golden Rule. That does not mean the commonly used, "he who has the gold rules". Are we reaching out to others who may be struggling in life, and offering them the good news of Jesus? Others could be our neighbors, people that we meet on the street, someone who works at the grocery store or convenience store. Tell them hello, ask them how they are doing – and mean it. You never know that a kind word from someone living as God wants us to, might just change someone's life...simply because you took the time to care, and to put your faith in action!

The funeral service for Sheri and Bill Robert's son Dylan will be held at the church on Thursday, June 26th at 5PM. Visitation will be from 4-5 PM. Please keep them in your prayers. We are also praying for George Barlow for his continuing recovery. Please keep in prayer the Fink Family, Jerry & Bea Gilland, Judy Helm-Burns, David Ingram, Todd Jansen, Joanne Reiman and Floyd & Dona Seiberling. We also pray for safe travels for those from our congregation who are on vacation. We offer prayers for the leaders of our world for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Israel and Iran.