

Melville United Church
Sunday, January 17, 2016
Second Sunday of Epiphany



** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time: Dwell Thou in Me - M. Wood Chaplain
- sung by Susanne Schmidt McQuillan

Call to Worship: (taken from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.

God's gifts overflow in us.

There are varieties of services, but the same Lord.

God's gifts overflow in us.

There are a variety of activities, but it is the same God

who activates all of them in everyone.

Come, let us worship the God from whom we have received overflowing gifts!

***Hymn:** Worship the Lord **VU 401**

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, you have given each one of us special gifts - gifts from your Spirit. We give praise for the gifts that overflow in us. Help us to know how we are to use our gifts, individually and within our community, to heal the hurt and brokenness in our world. Be with us this day as we sing praises, hear words of wisdom, and open our hearts to the ways that your Spirit speaks to us and through us. Amen.

Prayer for Inner Healing:

Forgive us when we fail to recognize the gifts we have been given,
or when we look to the gifts of others and wish they were our own.
Forgive us when we think our gifts are not good enough,
or we don't believe there is anything we can do.

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Forgive us when we see the needs around us

but let our fear keep us from doing what we can do.

Forgive us, Holy Presence,

when we fail to fully receive the overflowing gifts that come from you. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

The gifts that have been given to us are real, even if we don't always use or even recognize them. One gift we have all been given is the love of God - a love that is steadfast and faithful; a love that will guide us when we lose our way.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Chorus: I Am the Light of the World (refrain) **VU 87**

"I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!"

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery

of what you were meant to do and be. (Repeat)

Theme Conversation:

Hymn: Come to My Heart Lord Jesus

VU 661

Scripture: John 2:1-11 (the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition) (The wedding at Cana)

Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration.

At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him

"They have no wine."

Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you."

As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one

holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus said, and the servers filled them to the brim!

"Now," said Jesus, "draw some out and take it to the caterer." They did as they were instructed.

The caterer tasted the water - which had been turned into wine - without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables, since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over and remarked, "People usually serve the best wine first; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage is served. What you've done is to keep the best wine until now!"

Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in him.

After this Jesus went down to Capernaum with his mother, brothers and sisters, and disciples.

They stayed there a few days.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 36:5-10 (a paraphrase by James Taylor, *Everyday Psalms*) (Harmony in God's home)

Your door is always open, God.

You stand at your door, and welcome all who come to it.

Entry to your home is not limited to your friends, your associates, your social class.

You extend your welcome to everyone and everything:

beggars and outcasts, oppressors and victims,

people who have handicaps and drifters who huddle in culverts.

From rats skulking in their sewers to condors soaring in the clouds - You make them all welcome.

All of creation is your household, God.

All can live together in harmony under your roof.

In your kitchens they are fed;

in your living room, they are entertained and uplifted.

For you are life itself.

Continue to give us life, oh God.

Show us how to live in harmony in your home.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition) (Different gifts, same Spirit)

Now dear sisters and brothers, I want to instruct you on the matter of spiritual gifts. Remember how, when you were still nonbelievers, you were drawn to mute idols and led astray by them?

It is for this reason that I want you to understand that no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, "Curse Jesus"; by the same token, no one can say, "Jesus Christ reigns supreme," unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills.

Message: For the Common Good

***Hymn:** Many Are the Lightbeams **VU 588**

Offering:

Ministry of Music - D. Haas - We Are Called

Offering Hymn: As With Gladness Men of Old (vs 3) **VU 81**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our new born king.**

***Offertory Prayer:**

God of abundance and overflowing love, we offer our gifts, both monetary and personal. Use them and us to allow others to feel and see and experience the amazing fullness of your love for all of us. Like lava that flows and wine that overflows from jars, may these gifts reach places far and wide, bringing hope and love to people who need it most. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: And When You Call for Me **MV 96**

And when you call for me, I have already answered.

And when you call for me, I am already there. (Repeat)

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn:** Take My Life and Let It Be **VU 506**

***Blessing:**

We gathered to absorb love

and we go forth to love;

we gathered to be inspired

and we leave to inspire;

we gathered for a service

and we go forth to be of service.

We gathered to connect with truth

and go forth to live our truth.

Go, knowing Spirit is with you always.

Amen.

***Parting Song:** Go, Tell It on the Mountain - refrain **VU 43**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born. (Repeat)**

Postlude: There Is an Old Song - sung by the Schmidt Family

Prayer of the Week:

God of the feast, Holy One of abundant joy and overflowing grace, open us to you. Open us to trust in love that never runs out. Open us to follow your leading to amazing renewal. Open us to the ways of the Christ, one who came to show us the way to live so that all things are made good. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Fergus

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