

Sunday January 17, 2016

Theme: *When Jesus intrudes into our world, things happen. Our time is miraculously transformed into God's time, the eternal breaks into the temporal, and the glory of God breaks forth into our world.*

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Opening Songs H 178 Come thou long expected Jesus
 H 55 Let's sing unto the Lord
- Call to Worship
- Prayer of Confession
- Words of Assurance
- Congregational Songs H 483 Oh God who gives us life
 STS 72 One is the body
- Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2: 1-11
- Sermon Jim
- Sharing and Prayer
- Offering
- Announcements
- Closing song STJ 10 Spirit working in creation
- Benediction:

Let us go into the world to expect miracles, giving the glory to God, the miracle worker. May God go with you and give you a sense of expectation as you see God at work in your life this week. Amen.

Worship Leader: Ruth
Song leader: Mo
Accompanist: Emily

Call to Worship

Who can catch the wind in one's hand or discern its source?

Who can tell how the spirit of God will move or where?

God has broken into the world as God willed.

In a child, God does the inconceivable, infusing the ordinary with the divine.

Let us with awe and reverence worship the God of unlimited freedom.

The God of the miraculous,

the God of transforming love.

Amen.



Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we confess the moments when, in spite of the evidence of the scriptures, we have conceived of a "closed universe," and the impossibility of miracles. We have even doubted the ongoing presence and power of your Christ at work in this world.

Forgive us for the weakness of faith that fears to risk, that fails to reach out and receive, that discounts as coincidence or lucky happenstance the mini but not minor miracles in the everyday life of ordinary affairs. And forgive us for the weak prayers we offer on behalf of others. Transform our innermost being, we pray. Amen.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Food Bank** - Next meets on Jan. 23 and Feb 6.
- **Jan. 24** - Aberdeen Church retreat at Camp Assiniboia
- **Jan. 26** – Ministerial Meeting



Birthdays This Week Linda on Jan. 18
Esther on Jan. 19

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be a congregational meeting today following the worship service.



Upcoming coffee for Jan. 31 – Mo and Rudy

PRAYER REQUESTS – for the next few Sundays we will be requesting prayers for EMC missionaries:

Elvira Cote (Native Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Manitoba)

- Pray for wisdom as Elvira teaches people who have a desire to learn. Pray that Elvira will have good health and for a partner to help her in ministry.

Albert and Edna Martens (Athletes in Action, Manitoba)

- Pray for Albert as he takes a running ministry trip to Spain, Grand Canary Island and North Africa in January

Fred and Stella Neff (Mid-Way Christian Leadership, Grand Rapids, Manitoba)

- Pray for Sunday School teachers. Often there are as many children in church as adults. Pray for them as they mentor adults through worship and Bible study.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.