

Welcome to Aurora United Church

...uniting hearts and hands on the journey.



Epiphany 2

January 16, 2022

*If Christ could transform common water into wedding wine-
spit and dirt into new sight-troubled sea into pathway-
well water into living water; could Christ transform the waters of my life
into a shower of blessing? (Tom Lane)*

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE This is the Day (J.Rutter) The Royal Wedding Ceremony
Westminster Abbey Choir-April 30, 2011

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Lighting of the Christ Candle*

Acknowledgment of Territory/Candle of Remembrance-Every Child Matters

As we come into worship today, we acknowledge that we reside and worship on the traditional lands of the people of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation... and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages



CALL TO WORSHIP Jeff & Shannon Clark

Without you...

the body of Christ is incomplete.

Without us...

some gifts are lost.

Without her...

we may not have all we need.

Without him...

to live out God's call...

Without them...

to live justice and healing in the world.

We are not all the same.

But we are all needed.

Wanted. Loved.

In this time and place,

in all times and places.

Let us worship!

(UCC Moderator, The Rt.Rev. Richard Bott)

HYMN Come Touch Our Hearts *(Gordon Light)* MV 12

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong enough
to overturn injustice, to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel; create a space
for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome
truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now
our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind,
our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

When the good news is hard to find, Knowing God, you swaddle us in your comforting hope, so that we may decide to go wherever you call us to serve. When the good news is seen as fake, Brother of our journey, you call us to speak of the truth that God offers grace to a world in which some have decided to believe in lies. When the good news seems out of fashion, Spirit of wisdom, you weave kindness into a shawl for the lonely, you knit comfort for all who grieve. When your good news seems so rare, may we decide to share it more and more, God in Community, Holy in One, we pray. Amen. (Thom Thurman, Lectionary Liturgies, adapted.)

WORDS OF GRACE

Come and see! God's grace is poured out on everyone,
God's hope is shared in every moment.
Thanks be to God!

THEME STORY Jesus Turns Water Into Wine (*Saddleback Kids*) *YouTube*

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Different gifts but the same spirit.) Noah Comar

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore 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. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GIFT OF MUSIC Lean On Me (*Bill Withers*) David Pilkey

GOSPEL John 2:1-11 (The wedding in Cana.)

²On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON *Signs*

HYMN My Love Colours Outside the Lines *(G.Light) MV 138*

My love colours outside the lines, exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before, and opens doors
to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines, turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before, and open doors
to worlds outside the lines.

*We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown, body and soul
need a soaking from time to time. And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die, and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before, throw open doors
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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

A Statement about the gifts we bring in worship for the life of the church....

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (*R.Robinson/J.Wyeth*) VU 559

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of endless praise.,k
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger, precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

May the companionship of God,
shape us into community;
**embracing each other and the world
with compassion.**

And now, may the blessing of God, giver of every good and perfect gift;
the blessing of Christ, the Redeemer of the lost and broken;
the blessing of the Holy Spirit, God's presence in our lives,
be with each one of us and all whom we love and serve. Amen.

POSTLUDE O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word (*R.B.Farlee*) YouTube
The Bath Church Chancel Choir



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