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*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Harlan Otter

Centering Words

Jesus promised us abundant life, and we have it through our faith in him. God always delivers on God's promises, often in ways we could never ask or expect.

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Jesus surprised the people at the wedding.

P: They were sure they would be disappointed.

L: They thought that their host wasn't prepared for their needs.

P: We aren't much different. We aren't sure God is prepared for our needs.

L: Lord, change our whining in to praising!

P: Change our complaining into celebrations of joy! AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you and to others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Bill Florin

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we must have all the answers. We judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think we are the one thing that matters most in life, so we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to fully understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our

whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Bill Florin

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Spiritual Gifts: Unity in Diversity

12 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ²You know that^[a] you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb^[b] idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus ^[c]accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are ^[d]diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works ^[e]all in all. ⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by ^[f]the same Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

***Gospel Reading**

John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

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

Reflecting on God's Message

"Way More Than Expected"

Bill Florin

Interlude

Harlan Otter

Prayers of the People

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Harlan Otter



Marriage Feast at Cana, from Art in the Christian Tradition

2nd Sunday after Epiphany | 1.16.2022 | 9:30am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!

**Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.**

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