

Nine O'Clock  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Reader: Sarah Blauch

God is Still Speaking ... *"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible"*

- The Dalai Lama

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Meditation on Everlasting Arms"

B. Logan

\*SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus surprised the people at the wedding...

**People: Even though the people were sure they would be disappointed.**

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

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

Pastor: Lord, change our voices of worry into hearts of praise!

**People: Help us to change our fear and complaining into celebrations of joy!**

\*HYMN #139 (Green) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!  
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow - Blessings all mine with ten thousand  
beside! Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies  
I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*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 have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that 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 really 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.**

*Silent confession...*

\*KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, Have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love is continually poured out for us. In truth, there is no bottom to the well of forgiveness that God has given to us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion. In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES

New Testament	1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11
*Gospel	John 2: 1 - 11

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

\*PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – Adapted from "Faith" from the Kansas City Statement

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love; and we believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Savior, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and lives forevermore; and we believe in the Holy Spirit, who takes the truth of Christ and reveals them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of all humanity.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the church of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all people, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the

progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of God's Beloved Community.

As our ancestors of the faith before us, we depend on the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MEDITATION IN SONG      "I Exalt Thee"      Sanchez/Innes  
Piano-Organ Duet      Kathy Follett and Cindy Johnson

SERMON PRAYER AND SERMON      Rev. David A. Jones

MORNING PRAYER

\* PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY

*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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER – (using debts and debtors)

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\*HYMN #682 (Green) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand; Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Bear me through the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.*

\*SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE      "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"      Showalter/Hoffman

\*Please stand as you are able

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Rev. David A. Jones, Pastor

Now there are varieties of gifts,  
but the same Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 12.4*



**Wisdom**  
**Knowledge**  
**Miracles Faith**  
*Healing*  
**Prophecy**  
**Discernment**  
*Tongues*  
**Interpretation**

## **1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

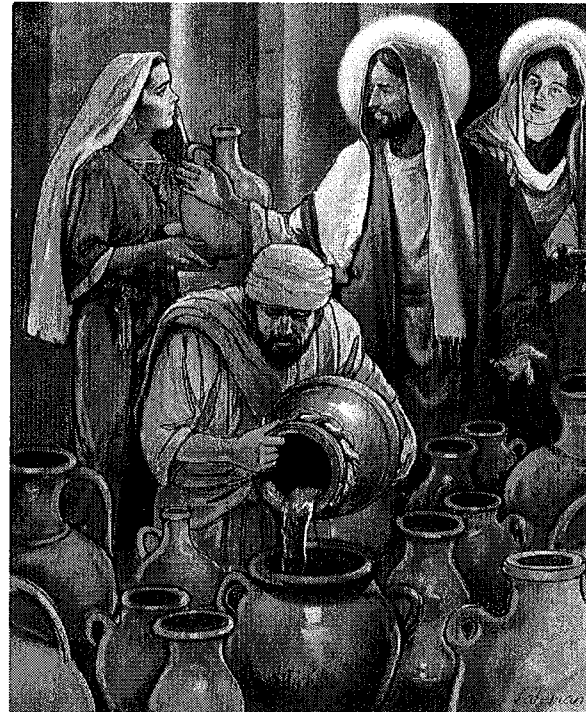
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through 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 ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

## **John 2: 1 – 11**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with

water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.



Jesus Changes Water  
into Wine

**ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Schedule for Week of January 16, 2022**

Sunday Service – 9:00 AM

The bulletins are presented by Rose Marie Day in loving memory of her mother, Verna M. Day.

The following dates are available for flowers: January 23, February 6, 13, and 27. The dates available for bulletins are January 23 and 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27. Please call the office if interested in sponsoring the flowers or bulletins for the dates listed. Church office – 717-273- 0151 between 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM – Monday – Friday.

Reminder – if you are going to zoom for Annual Congregational Meeting on January 23, please let Pastor Dave know so he can send you the link.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

January 23, 2022 – After church service – Annual Congregational Meeting

**Conference Call information:**

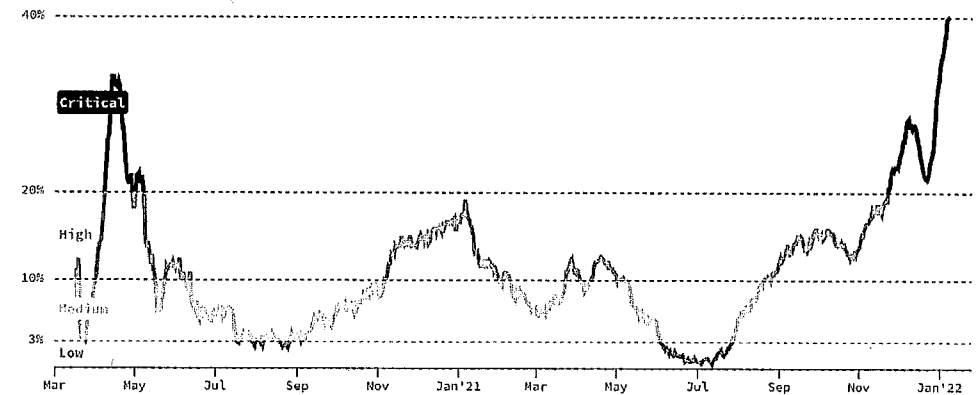
Dial (215) 383-1625

Enter conference code: 569284

Press \* when asked for your attendee pin

**Covid Update for the past 6 months**

DAILY NEW CASES      INFECTION RATE      POSITIVE TEST RATE  
• **261.0** PER 100K      • **1.29**      • **40.7%**



**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Positivity rate was .5% with 1 new case per day

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021** – Positivity rate increased to 10.4% with 33 new cases

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Positivity rate increased to 15.8% with 78 new cases  
(This was probably the peak of the Delta Variant)

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Positivity rate declined to 12.5% with 43 new cases

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Positivity rate increased to 20.7% with 82 new cases  
(This was the day the Omicron Variant was first reported)

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Positivity rate increased to 28.4% with 110 new cases

**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021** – Positivity rate increased to 32.8% with 183 new cases

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Positivity rate increased to 40.7% with 261 new cases

All of the information above was compiled January 12, 2022 from [www.covidactnow.org](http://www.covidactnow.org). Covid Act Now is the COVID-focused initiative of the Act Now Coalition, an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in March 2020