

Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say “Jesus be damned!” Nor would anyone be inclined to say “Jesus is Master!” without the insight of the Holy Spirit.

God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Our Extravagant God”

MUSICAL MEDITATION

DOXOLOGY

***HYMN #281 vs. 1 & 3** “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers; Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers; Come, shed on us the Savior’s love, that it may kindle ours.

***BENEDICTION** “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, may the Shepherd’s care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE**

***All who are able may stand**



Welcome to First United Church of Christ

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Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 16, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*We are pleased that you have decided
to worship with us today!*

Hearing assistance is available; ask an usher for a receiver.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CELEBRATIONS

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 36)

L: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,

P: Your faithfulness stretches to the skies.

L: Your righteousness is like a mighty mountain,

P: Your justice flows, like the great deep.

L: How priceless is your love, O God!

P: We take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

***HYMN** #159 vs 1 & 4 “As With Gladness Those of Old”

1. As with gladness those of old did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; So, true Morning Star, may we evermore your splendor see.

4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you **P: And also with you!**

***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. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL 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 that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In Your Mercy, **P: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

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.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

GOSPEL READING

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

What I want to talk about now is the various ways God’s Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn’t know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It’s different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
11:30 a.m. Who Are We? First UCC
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, January 17

Grapevine Newsletter Submissions Due

Tuesday, January 18

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 19

8:30 a.m. Mary's Circle @ Tipton Family Restaurant
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Thursday, January 20

10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group
6:30 p.m. Lions Club

Saturday, January 22

11:00 a.m. Shared Blessings Free Meal @ Methodist Church

Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

♦ **Bible Study** meets every Tuesday at both 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. until February 8 in the Fireside Room. We are studying the second half of the book of Mark. You are welcome to jump in any time during the study. Feel free to bring a Bible, and of course, a curious mind.

♦ **Who Are We? First UCC** will gather TODAY at 11:30 a.m. for anyone who would like to learn about First UCC and church membership.

♦ **Mary Circle** will meet for "dutch" breakfast at Tipton Family Restaurant on Wednesday, January 19 at 8:30 a.m. (Weather permitting.) All are welcome.

♦ **Family Game Night** is postponed.

♦ The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 23 following worship.

♦ **Installation** of elected officers and committee members will be Sunday, January 30, during worship.

♦ **Youth Group** (grades 5th-12th) meets every Sunday 5:30-7:00 p.m.

♦ **Caregivers Support Group** meets the first and third Thursdays every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. This group provides a safe space for those who are providing care for others. If you have any questions, please talk to Nancy Hipple or Pastor Kerri.

♦ **Sunday School** is every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for all preschool through 7th graders.

♦ If you haven't received your **Contribution Statement**, please pick it up from an usher.

♦ If anyone would like to join the **Stream Team** and get trained to use the video system, please let Jared Gehrs, Tony Young, Pastor Kerri, or the office know.

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