

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany:  
Greater Gifts – Gifted for Others**

\*indicates please stand if you are able

**Bolded** passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

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**We Prepare for Worship**

**Prelude**            *Chorale Prelude on "Bevan"*            Healey Willan

**Lighting of Christ Candle**

**Introit**            *Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place (vv.3&4)*            John Bell

**Words of Welcome**

**We Worship God**

**Call to Worship**

There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.  
**But there is only one Spirit.**

There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.  
**But it is the same Lord we all serve.**

There are many activities we can do to serve God:  
teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...  
**But all these are activated by God.**

There are many manifestations of God's Spirit  
in the world.  
**It is impossible to list them all.**

To say that one is better than another is foolish.  
**God gives to each as God chooses.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

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\*Hymn            *Like the murmur of the dove's song*            **385**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

We cannot claim ignorance of our sins, for we know how we have not lived as God's people. But God refuses to forsake us, waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. In humility and out of a desire to be new people we confess to you, our sins.

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**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, you call us to fullness of life but we confess our shortcomings and offences, that we have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts; we have ignored your miracles among us and focused on loss rather than the bounty of your grace. We have been suspicious of the motives of others and too quick to judge and too slow to forgive. Give us the courage to see clearly who and what we are and cleanse us from all our faults and forgive our sins. Amen.**

**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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**We Listen for God's Word**

\*Hymn            *A prophet-woman broke a jar*            **588**

**Children's Time**

**Sharing a sign of peace**

Peace be with you.            **And also with you.**

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## Community Life Announcements

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Readings

#### ❖ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Message** Discovering and Activating our Gifts

### We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn *We are one in the Spirit* 471

Offering

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Organist's offering  
of music

*Allegretto*

Josef  
Rheinberger

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.

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### Prayer of Dedication

**Gift giving God, Sometimes, we believe the gifts we offer do not matter. But when they are combined with all the other gifts – of healing, of hope, of compassion, of your heart – they can become rivers of grace and justice flowing through the lives of everyone around us. We offer our gifts to you in this hope, as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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Choir's gift  
of music

*In Every Land  
Begin the Song*

J.Paul Williamson/  
Joseph M. Martin

### Prayers of the People

#### We are Sent out as God's People

\*Hymn *We have this ministry* 590

### Benediction

Response *Halle, halle, halle* (Caribbean Islands)

Postlude *Brother James' Air* Dale Wood



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