

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay
January 27th, 2019
4th Sunday After the Epiphany: Greater Gifts – Being Needy

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Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation
Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Quasi Adagio* Josef Rheinberger

Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit *Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place (vv.5&6)* John Bell

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

Welcome to this time of celebration!

We've come together, eager to strengthen our bonds in one body.

Remembering the beauty of many members joined into one whole, we join together to worship God.

We recognize we are different people, each with different gifts and different abilities.

And it takes all of us together to build up the body of Christ.

So let us join hands and hearts as we lift our voices to honor our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

<https://centerforfaithandgiving.org/2019/01/january-27-2019>

***Hymn** *Sing your praise to God eternal* **423**

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

We share with God how we have not been that Body we are made for, that God might reshape us into that holy community, even as we pray saying...

Prayer of Confession

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Holy One, help us recognize that the body does not consist of one member but many.

Forgive us when we tell others that we have no need of them because they are not like us. Give us courage when we do not feel that we have anything to offer because we are different from others, or try to exempt ourselves from responding to a person in need because we do not feel equipped for the task.

Remind us that when one suffers, we all suffer. And when one is honored, we can all rejoice together.

Show us how to work together as one body to support ministries of healing and wholeness, welcome and grace, in response to need. Guide us in using the gifts that each of us has to help create a just, caring and compassionate world. As the body of Christ, we offer this prayer and commit ourselves anew to caring for one another and for the needs of the world. Amen.

<https://www.chhsm.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Health-and-Human-Service-Sunday-1.27.2019.pdf>

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

***Hymn** *Spirit of the living God* **400**

Children's Time

Sharing a sign of peace

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

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

❖ 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be?

²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member,

²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

Message

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *There's a spirit in the air* **764**

Offering

Organist's offering *Lord Jesus Christ,
of music Be Present Now* G.P.
Telemann

Doxology *Praise God from whom
all blessings flow* **79**

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

Holy and One True God: We sit in our seats this morning, with space around us, lest we be uncomfortable or make someone else uncomfortable. We sometimes feel we can stay as an island, protected and guarded, and still be faithful to you.

Then you remind us that we are part of one body in Christ and that every part, from the greatest to the least, is important to the whole. So as we give our gifts this morning, we are reminded that our generosity strengthens us and the whole body, here and in the farthest parts of the globe. This, we pray in that holy name above all others, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/season-after-epiphany-2019-part-1-worship-planning-series/january-27-third-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c/third-sunday-after-the-epiphany-2019-year-c-graphics-resources>

Choir's gift of music *Come with Shouting* *J. Paul Williams/
Douglas Nolan*

Prayers of the People

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. 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

We are Sent out as God's People

***Hymn** *Where charity and love prevail* 692

Benediction

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

Postlude *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* *Dale Wood*

