

## Worship Service

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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| *Worship Song .....      | Together with Band |                |
| Opening Prayer .....     | Presider           |                |
| Bible Reading .....      | John 2:1-11 .....  | Robert Stewart |
| Prayer .....             | Kurt Schwartz      |                |
| Announcement .....       | Samuel Lebbie      |                |
| Offering Prayer .....    | Presider           |                |
| Offering .....           | Together           |                |
| Special Song .....       | Worship Band       |                |
| Message .....            | Timothy Hong       |                |
| Prayer of Blessing ..... | Presider           |                |

### Today's Sermon Outline

#### **Jesus, The Lord of Joy**

Text: John 2:1-11

#### Jesus comes to give us joy

Some people think that Jesus puts lots of rules of “dos and don’ts” and prevents them from worldly pleasures. But, this is a misunderstanding of who Jesus is and what Jesus brings to our lives. As we see in this text, Jesus participates in our joyful lives. Jesus sets us free from the troubles which rob us of joy and fills our lives with joy. What could it mean that Jesus went to a wedding and preformed his first miracle to help the wedding party? It means that Jesus wants to share joy with us in our ordinary lives. It means that Jesus solves the problems that rob us of our joy and so brings joy into our lives.

Of course, the cross is the key of Jesus’ life and one of the key themes of the cross is suffering. But by the cross Jesus does not bring sadness and depression to our lives. Although there are sufferings in following the cross of Christ, there is also joy, because the cross of Jesus always brings the power of new life, power that positively transforms life.

Paul, who experienced the joy of the Lord, encourages us to rejoice always (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17; Philippians 4:4).

#### Jesus brings joy according to God’s time

In those days, at a wedding, wine was the most important item. But here, in the middle of the wedding banquet, the wine ran out...! And that’s what happens in some situations in our lives. When you are doing something important, you need certain essentials. But at some moment, that essential may run out.

When no one could solve the problem of the shortage of wine, Mary brought the problem to Jesus: “*They have no more wine.*” But Jesus said: “*Dear woman, why do you involve me? My time has not yet come.*” Apparently, Jesus seemed to deny Mary’s request. But Jesus was not denying Mary’s request. Jesus was emphasizing the timing in solving the problem. What Jesus meant by “My time” was “God’s time.”

To receive joy from the Lord to solve our problem, we must wait for God’s timing. We have to realize that it is not by the timing we expect or desire but by God’s will. And his will is always good for us. So, we have to wait on God’s timing for everything we need as Psalm 37:7 says, “*Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; ...*”

#### Jesus brings joy by solving our problems

Jesus solved the problem of the shortage of wine at the wedding banquet by performing a miracle. To perform a miracle, he used ordinary water, ordinary water jars and ordinary servants. Jesus can use ordinary things and ordinary men to perform a miracle.

Jesus’ transformed mere water into the best wine through the obedience of the servants. The servants must have taken a lot of time and effort to finish the job- trip after trip to the well to draw water and pour it into the jars. They would have been tempted to do a half-hearted and half-completed job. But these men fully obeyed Jesus’ word and got the job done. And they noticed that the mere water was transformed into tasty wine.

The world wants us to be someone special to make things happen.

But Jesus does not want you to be someone special to do amazing things. He wants to use ordinary people to do great things (1 Corinthians 1:27-29). Do you want to be used by the Lord for great things- like turning mere water into tasty wine? Do you want Jesus to use you to transform a life? All you have to do, is do whatever he tells you.

#### Application Questions

1. How can you rejoice while you are following the cross of Christ?
2. Why do you need to wait patiently to receive God’s answer when you pray for your problems?
3. Have you ever seen or experienced Jesus using ordinary things and people to perform a miracle? How can you receive a miracle from Jesus although you are an ordinary person?

**Announcements**

**Welcome New Comers and Visitors**

We welcome all new comers and visitors at our worship service today. Please join us in our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

**Lunch Preparation**

This week – The family of Alex and Analiz

Next week – Volunteer

\*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is Asian group (Leader- Lyle Atonson)

**Prayer Request**

\*For traveling mercies: *Bertha & Bertita* -Peru, *Lynn & Kyleen*- The Philippines, *Dominique & Divine* – The Philippines, *Haroon & Anayza*- Philadelphia, *Nestor & Rose*- Wisconsin

**Financial Report**

There will be our church financial report of the year 2016 next Sunday after lunch fellowship.

All regular offering givers are to attend the report meeting.

**Distribution of Winter Jackets**

The Chicago Korean Association has donated winter jackets to our church. The president of the association, An Soon Jin, will distribute the jackets to the needy at the lunch fellowship time.

**Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (January)**

| Date         | Group                   | Leader              |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Jan 1        | Spanish group           | Analiz Gomez Garcia |
| <b>Jan 8</b> | <b>Asian group</b>      | <b>Lyle Atonson</b> |
| Jan 15       | African, American       | Samuel Lebbie       |
| Jan 22       | College and Youth group | Moses Sanchez       |

**Ushers of the Month**

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Offering Ushers</b> | Tony Bukhari, Patricia Grass, Lina Morillo, Lyle Atonson |
| <b>Welcome Ushers</b>  | Haroon & Anayza Wilson, Analiz Gomez, Rosanna Bukhari    |

**Last Week's Offering**

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| <b>Tithe</b>        | Eryn Corachea//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Charles Gaines//Angelito P. Garcia//Patricia Grass//Samuel Lebbie//Moses Sanchez//Elijah Sanchez//Kiwang & Inok Ryu Song//Livia                              |
| <b>Lord's Day</b>   | Erlinda Alberto//Erlyn Balano//Maximo & Bertha Fernandez//Anayza & Haroon Wilson Gill//Timothy Hong//Andrea Martin//Denis Michel//Lina & Ender Carvajal Morillo//Jennifer Song//Janett M. McClure |
| <b>Thanksgiving</b> | Erlyn Balano//Charles Gaines// Anayza & Haroon Wilson Gill//Bok-Soon Kim                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Mission</b>      | Angelito P. Garcia// Anayza & Haroon Wilson Gill                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Special</b>      | Byung, Sung & Brian Cheon//Timothy Hong                                                                                                                                                           |

**Weekly Bible Reading Chart**

| Day/date    | Old Testament | Check | New Testament    | Check |
|-------------|---------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Mon 1-9-16  | Genesis 13-14 |       | Matthew 8        |       |
| Tue 1-10-16 | Genesis 15-17 |       | Matthew 9:1-13   |       |
| Wed 1-11-16 | Genesis 18-19 |       | Matthew 9:14-26  |       |
| Thu 1-12-16 | Genesis 20-22 |       | Matthew 9:27-38  |       |
| Fri 1-13-16 | Genesis 31-32 |       | Matthew 10       |       |
| Sat 1-14-16 | Genesis 23-26 |       | Matthew 11:1-19  |       |
| Sun 1-15-16 | Genesis 27-30 |       | Matthew 11:20-29 |       |

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| <p><b><u>Worship Services:</u></b><br/>Sunday 11:30 AM</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Services</u></b><br/>Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106<br/>Friday 8:00 PM</p> <p><b><u>Bible Study</u></b><br/>Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM<br/>Saturday 10:30 AM</p> <p><b><u>Cell Groups</u></b><br/>Friday according to arrangement of each cell</p> | <p><b><u>College Student Ministry</u></b><br/>Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM<br/>Campus group- Truman, Friday 1:00 PM</p> <p><b><u>Youth Ministry</u></b><br/>Sunday – 1:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>Children's Ministry</u></b><br/>Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM</p> <p><b><u>ESF Band Practice</u></b><br/>Sunday 10:00 AM &amp; 1:30 PM</p> |
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**Missionaries**

- Nancy Campos – Campus ministry in Peru
- Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
- Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
- Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
- Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA
- Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
- Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
- Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe
- Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA
- Hae Taek Kown – Campus ministry in New York, USA

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