

**Kitchissippi United Church**  
**January 19th, 2020**  
**Epiphany – Holy Humour Sunday: Satire**

\*Indicates please stand in body or spirit  
Congregational responses in **BOLD** type.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** *Delight in the Lord*

*Gregg Sewell*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING** *Open Our Hearts (v. 1 & 3)*

**MV 21**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

We come this morning to worship, to gather, to praise and to laugh.

**As a community of faith, we worship, we work, we study and we laugh together.**

We come together to learn a little bit more about satire, a form of humour –

Satire exposes hypocrisy and moral transgressions,

And is often aimed at individuals, governments and organizations.

**We don't know if Jesus liked satire, but we know that Jesus exposed hypocrisy in his ministry.** \*HYMN

And was likely quite opposed to moral transgressions. Let us pray:

**Laughing God, open our hearts to your love and grace, offered to us this day. Help us to be lighthearted about our faith, while still taking you and your love very seriously. As we gather, be with us, enfold us in your loving embrace. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *I Can Feel You Near Me God*

**MV 48**

**SATIRE: Ground breaking Pew Research Study Finds Pews Are Uncomfortable**

*Charlie Scromeda*

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Hokey Pokey (by Gavan)*

*You put your right hand in, you put your right hand out  
Reach deep into your pocket and take all your money out  
You throw it in the basket and you turn yourself around  
That's what it's all about.*

*You put your cheque book in, you put your cheque book out  
Put your pen to paper and you write a big amount  
If you can't be here on Sunday transfer funds from your account  
That's what it's all about.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION† (unison)**

Receive our gifts, O God. May they be used to show forth to the world the greatness of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your amazing gift. Amen.

**SATIRE: Church Seniors Get the Last Laugh as New Drum Cage Revealed To Be Elevator Straight To Hell**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN** *She Flies On*

**VU 380**

**\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**SATIRE: Man Forced To Use Cattle Prod To Get Wife To Stop Socializing After Church**

**RECESSIONAL A Joyous Postlude**

*Cyrus S. Mallard*

*(Please feel free to stay and listen or to move to the hall for coffee, tea and cookies. All are welcome!)*

† From *Celebrate God's Presence*. Used with permission.

**SUNG RESPONSE** *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*  
*Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;*  
*give me oil in my lamp, I pray.*  
*Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;*  
*keep me burning till the break of day.*

**Refrain:**

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,*  
*sing hosanna to the Servant King;*  
*sing hosanna, sing hosanna,*  
*sing hosanna, let us sing!*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**SATIRE:** Study Finds Connection between Beard Length and Preaching Ability  
Doug Patriquin

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION†** *Julia Gordon*  
The light brings warmth: bless the light! The light brings new life:  
bless the light! The light shows us the way: bless the light! Amen.

**RESPONSIVE PSALM 40**

VU 764

**RISE AND SHINE: A BIBLE SONG**

*The Lord told Noah*  
*There's gonna be a floody, floody*  
*The Lord told Noah*  
*There's gonna be a floody, floody*  
*Get those children out of the muddy, muddy, children of the Lord*  
*The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky*  
*The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky*  
*Build it out of gopher barky, barky, children of the Lord.*  
*The animals, they came, they came in by twosies twosies*  
*The animals, they came, they came in by twosies, twosies*  
*Elephants and kangaroosie, roosies, children of the Lord*  
*It rained and poured for forty daysies, daysies*  
*It rained and poured for forty daysies, daysies*  
*Almost drove those animals crazy, crazy, children of the Lord*

*The sun came out, and dried up the landy, landy*  
*The sun came out, and dried up the landy, landy*  
*Look! There's the sun, it dried up the landy, landy*  
*Everything was fine and dandy, dandy, children of the Lord*  
*So, rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory*  
*Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory*  
*Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory*  
*Children of the Lord*

**SATIRE:** Man Wishes All These Natural Disasters And Rumors Of Wars Were Predicted In The Bible Somewhere

**READING** Matthew 21:11-13 (pg. 995)

**RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURES**

May the Spirit bless these readings to our understanding. **Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *Dry Bones*

African-American Spiritual

**SATIRE: Definition**

**\*HYMN** *Take Time to be Funny*

VU 624

*Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord*  
*Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word*  
*For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak*  
*God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.*

*For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,*  
*Replenishes hope and oft softens advice*  
*It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride*  
*So smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.*

**SATIRE:** Popular Christmas Song 'Mary, Did You Know?' Criticized For Mansplaining  
Rob Summerby

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERING** *Prelude No. 2*

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