

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 kangarooosie, 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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