

Music Prelude	Glenda Teachey
Welcome & Announcements	
* Procession “Lord, Speak to Me”	#463
* Lighting of the Altar Candles	
Praises & Prayer Requests	
Hymn of “The Gift of Love”	#408
Preparation	
Liturgy of the Word:	
New Testament I Corinthians 15:1-11	Mike Scobell
Psalms Psalm 85:7-13 (In Unison)	#750
Special Music “Speak O Lord”	Rockland Choir
* Gospel John 2:1-11	Pastor Bill Faupel

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: “Nothing But the Best!” Pastor Bill Faupel



One summer while I was home from Bible College, my uncle (who was and Assemblies of God Minister) and I got into a theological discussion over today's Gospel. My uncle contended that Jesus turned water into the best grape juice that would make Welch's seem tame. I argued, of course, that it was the real thing! I'm still convinced I'm right, but I never persuaded him. For the past two weeks, we have followed Jesus in John's Gospel from his baptism, to his encounter with his first disciples and today he is traveling with him back to Galilee to his home in Nazareth. On the way home they stop in Cana to attend a wedding of either a friend or relative of Jesus.

They arrive late, the wedding is over and the party has begun. But there must have been several wedding crashers, because the party is not near over and the unthinkable has happened, they are all out of booze! But Jesus is there to the rescue and performs his first miracle or in John's language, his first "sign". For John, this miracle is a proto-type of our Lord's ministry—the things he will unfold later in his gospel: This miracle becomes the "wine of compassion," the "wine of replacement," the wine of abundance," the "wine of the Bridegroom," and the "wine of glory" as we will see in today's sermon.

***Affirmation of Faith** #884

*Please stand as you are able

Liturgy of the Table:

+Holy Communion

+*Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the third server.*

***Closing Hymn** “Here I Am, Lord” #593

***Blessing** Pastor Bill Faupel

***Benedictory Response** “God Will Take Care of You” V1 #130

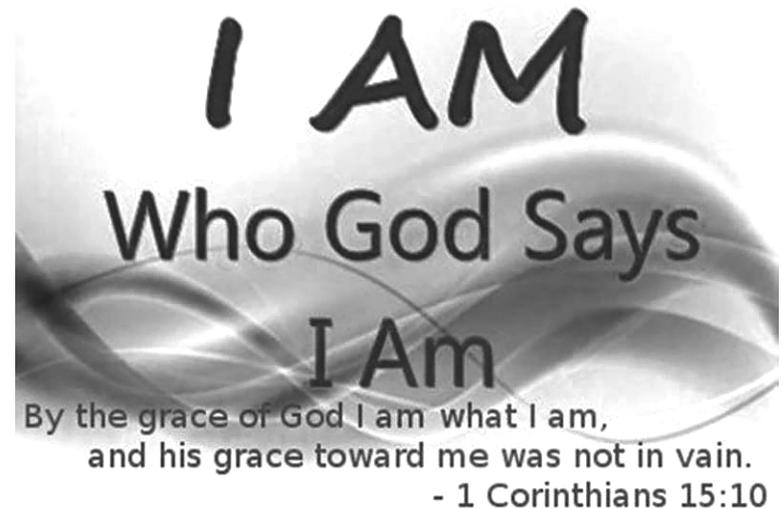
Postlude Glenda Teachey

Next Sunday's Scriptures:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 17; I Corinthians 14:12-20; Luke 4:21-32

To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a "Meet & Greet" after the service...

We welcome you to worship with us again!



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