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SPRINGVALE UNITED CHURCH
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“The Quiet Miracles Among Us”

To see quiet miracles is to slow down and pay attention.
To trust that God is working even when the outcome isn't immediate.
To honour the many hands that serve without applause.
And when we begin to notice those quiet miracles,
we discover that God has been very close all along.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, receive these gifts and the many hands that made them possible. Use them to bring joy, hope, and abundance, so that others may taste and see your goodness. Amen.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather not because everything is perfect, but because God is present.

People: We come with open hearts, ready for grace.

Leader: We gather bringing what we have, our gifts, our questions, our quiet faithfulness.

People: Trusting that Christ will meet us here.

Leader: Let us worship the God who turns ordinary moments into holy ones.

People: Let us worship God together. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #415 God, We Praise You for the Morning
God we praise you for the morning;
Hope springs for with each new day,
New beginning, prayer and promise,
Joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,
Mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
In your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion,
All the loving that you show;
Human touching, tears, and laughter,
Help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
Restless searcher, gentle teacher,
Strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour,
Come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
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Christ is Lord of our days!

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come into this space bringing the ordinary details of our lives, the tasks completed, the work left unfinished, the worries we carry quietly, and the joy we sometimes forget to name. As you were present at a wedding in Cana, be present with us now. Turn our simple offerings into signs of your grace. Open our eyes to the quiet miracles around us, and our hearts to the joy you are already pouring out. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S VIDEO

LITANY: THE QUIET MIRACLES AMONG US

Leader: God of big wonders and small moments, you work in ways we don't always notice.

People: Sometimes right under our noses.

Leader: We thank you for miracles that don't need spotlights in our lives.

People: Your work done in the church and in the community.

Leader: God, you meet us in kitchens, grocery stores, community events ...

People: and sometimes in the oddest places.

Leader: Open our eyes to see the little moments where grace shows up,

People: In shared laughter, helping hands, and unexpected kindness.

Leader: Bless every act of service offered with care,

People: Especially the ones no one sees.

Leader: Send us out to serve with joy and humility,

People: Trusting that you are always at work, even behind the scenes.

All: Thanks be to God for the quiet miracles among us.

***CHORUS: #236 “MAKE ME A SERVANT”**

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
 Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
 And may the pray'r of my heart always be:
 Make me a servant, make me a servant,
 Make me a servant today. X 2

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman,^[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.^[b]

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so,⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

MESSAGE: From Water Jars to Choir Practice

Most people at the wedding in Cana had no idea a miracle had happened. The guests simply tasted the wine and smiled.

The master of the banquet complimented the groom.

The celebration continued. Only a few people knew what had really taken place. The servants who carried the water. Mary, who trusted. And Jesus, who quietly transformed the ordinary. That detail matters. Because Jesus' first miracle, his first sign, as the Gospel of John calls it, was not loud, public, or dramatic. It didn't stop a storm or raise the dead. It didn't draw a crowd or provoke outrage. It happened behind the scenes. In the kitchen, so to speak. In the space where people were working, not watching. And that tells us something important about how God still works. Those water jars weren't special. They were ordinary stone jars used for purification, routine, religious, practical things. They were part of the background of daily life. And yet, Jesus chose those jars. He didn't ask for something new. He didn't replace them. He simply said, "Fill them." And when faithful hands did exactly that, the ordinary became extraordinary. Water became wine. And not just any wine, the best wine. Now let's bring this closer to home.

Most Sundays, when you arrive for worship, you experience something beautiful. The sanctuary feels ready. The choir has practiced. The Norma / John are playing... The bulletin are at the back. The lights are on. The space feels welcoming. And most of the time, you don't see what happened before you arrive. You don't see the keys turning in the door. The lights being switched on. The music practiced. The floors cleaned. The tables set. The snow shoveled. The repairs made. The quiet prayers offered. Simply put, you taste the good wine, but they never saw the water carried. And that's okay. Because the miracle was never about being noticed. Jesus didn't turn water into wine to impress people. He did it to preserve joy. To save a family from embarrassment. To keep a celebration alive. And that's what so much church work is about too. It's not flashy. It doesn't make headlines. It rarely gets applause. But it matters. Because when someone welcomes you at the door, they are making space for conversation.

When Norma / John and the choirs practice music, they are preparing hearts for prayer. When someone cleans or fixes or decorates, they are saying, "You belong here." These are holy acts. These are modern-day water jars. And here's the grace-filled truth we sometimes forget. Jesus still chooses to work this way. He could do everything himself. He doesn't need us. And yet, again and again, Jesus invites ordinary people to participate in quiet miracles.

"Fill the jars."

"Do whatever he tells you."

"Bring what you have."

And somehow, when we do, grace multiplies. Joy overflows. This story also reminds us of something deeply comforting: Not all faithfulness is visible. Some of the most Christ-like work in the church is done by people who never step forward, never stand at the microphone, never expect recognition.

And Jesus sees it. He sees the water being carried. He sees the effort. He sees the love behind the task. And he blesses it. So today, if your faith feels ordinary, if your service feels small, if your work feels unnoticed ...take heart.

Because the miracle at the wedding in Cana tells us that God delights in working through the ordinary. That Jesus shows up in kitchens and back rooms and quiet preparations. That the kingdom of God often arrives without fanfare, but never without purpose.

From water jars to choir practice from stone vessels to folded bulletins, from faithful hands to shared joy, Christ is still at work among us. Turning the ordinary into holy abundance. Amen.

HYMN: #420 Go to the World

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come before God in prayer, bringing the ordinary and the holy together. Gracious God, we thank you for the quiet miracles among us for faithfulness that shows up early and stays late, for love offered without applause, for service given simply because it is needed.

We thank you for the many hands within our churches: hands that prepare worship, hands that make music, hands that cook, clean, repair, decorate, and care. Bless those whose work is often unseen, and remind them that nothing offered in love is ever wasted. God of abundance, we pray for those who feel tired, overlooked, or discouraged. For volunteers who wonder if what they do matters, for caregivers who pour themselves out day after day, for all who serve quietly in homes, workplaces, and communities. Renew their strength and fill them with your grace.

Loving God, we lift before you those who are in need this day those who are grieving, those who are ill or recovering, those who feel lonely, anxious, or uncertain about the future. Pour your comfort where hearts are heavy, and your peace where there is fear.

God of community, we pray for our neighbourhoods and our world. For places where joy has run dry, where resources are scarce, where hope feels fragile. May your people become signs of your abundance, bringing compassion, justice, and kindness wherever we are sent.

Faithful God, help us to recognize the holy in the ordinary to see you at work in simple tasks and daily routines. Teach us to offer what we have, trusting that you will transform it for the good of all.

We gather all these prayers, spoken and unspoken, and place them into your loving care, as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: #664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
 Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

SENDING FORTH

Go from this place knowing this ... Christ is still at work among us turning ordinary faithfulness into holy abundance, and quiet service into shared joy. May God bless the work of your hands, the love you offer, and the grace you carry into the world.

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Sunday, February 15th: Peggy will be away, there will be someone filling in at each church.

Tuesday, February 17th: Coffee Tuesday at Springvale beginning at 9:30am. All are welcome!

Tuesday, February 17th: Pancake Supper at Hagersville from 4:00pm-6:30pm. Meal includes pancakes, ham/sausage, baked beans & a fruit cup. Adults are \$12.50, ages 6-12 are \$5.00 & 5 and under are free. Family deal-2 adults & 2 kids for \$30.00. Tickets available at the door.

Sunday, February 22nd: Hagersville Annual Meeting immediately following short worship service.

Sunday, March 1st: Springvale Annual Meeting immediately following worship service. Someone will fill for the Hagersville service while Peggy attends the meeting at Springvale.

Wednesday, March 11th: Official Board meeting at Springvale at 1:30pm.

***Please bring paper products for the
 Hagersville Food Bank***

