

**Readings for Sunday, January 20, 2019**  
**Woodbury United Methodist Church**

**A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:**

Now, concerning what you wrote about the gifts from the Holy Spirit.

I want you to know the truth about them, my friends. <sup>2</sup>You know that while you were still heathen, you were led astray in many ways to the worship of lifeless idols. <sup>3</sup>I want you to know that no one who is led by God's Spirit can say "A curse on Jesus!" and no one can confess "Jesus is Lord," without being guided by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. <sup>5</sup>There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. <sup>6</sup>There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. <sup>7</sup>The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. <sup>8</sup>The Spirit gives one person a message full of wisdom, while to another person the same Spirit gives a message full of knowledge. <sup>9</sup>One and the same Spirit gives faith to one person, while to another person he gives the power to heal. <sup>10</sup>The Spirit gives one person the power to work miracles; to another, the gift of speaking God's message; and to yet another, the ability to tell the difference between gifts that come from the Spirit and those that do not. To one person he gives the ability to speak in strange tongues, and to another he gives the ability to explain what is said. <sup>11</sup>But it is one and the same Spirit who does all this; as he wishes, he gives a different gift to each person.

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine."

<sup>4</sup>"You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

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<sup>5</sup>Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold between twenty and thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim, <sup>8</sup>and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water, <sup>9</sup>which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!"

<sup>11</sup>Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**