

**Jesus, the Teacher
January 28, 2018**

Planner Bonnie

Meditation Thought: I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. Deuteronomy 18: 18-19

Meditation Music

Welcome and Sharing our blessings and concerns

Invitation to Worship Psalm 111 (see attached)

***Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" CCS 101**

***Congregational Mission Prayer**

**God, where will your spirit lead today?
Help me be fully awake and ready to respond,
Grant me courage to risk something new and
become a blessing of your love and peace. Amen**

***Response**

Peace Moment

Scripture Matthew 1:21-28

See attached Please project on the screen. I will get two people

Hymn " Look at This Man Born of God" CCS 26

Morning Message

Hymn "Holy Spirit, Teacher Friend" CCS 181

Our Generous Response

Offertory Thoughts See attached

Blessing and Receiving of our offerings

***Hymn: "We Would See Jesus" CCS 35**

***Benediction**

***Response and *Postlude**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read with enthusiasm and emphasis

Hallelujah!

**I give thanks to God for everything I've got---
Wherever good people gather, and in the congregation,
God's works are so great,
worth a lifetime of study---endless enjoyment!
Splendor and beauty mark the Savior's craft;
God's generosity never gives out.
The miracles are memorial---
This God of Grace, this God of Love,
who gave food to those in fear.
The Holy One remembered to keep the ancient promise.
God proved to all people that the promises would be kept.
Hand them the nations on a platter---a gift!
Our Lord manufactures truth and justice;
All of God's products are guaranteed to last--
Never out-of-date, never obsolete, rustproof.
All that is made is honest and true.
Jesus Christ paid the ransom for all people,
God ordered the covenant kept forever.
The Holy Spirit is so personal and holy, worthy of our respect.
The good life begins in God--
You will always know the blessings of God.
Hallelujah lasts forever!**

OFFERTORY

Working in a shopping centre, I observed many people. One day I came across a little girl in distress because she wanted to buy her mummy a very special birthday card and thought she had saved enough money, but she didn't quite have enough, the shopkeeper told her. It was a practice of mine to pick up loose change I would find as I walked around the centre, so I happily gave her the 20 cents extra that she needed to buy the "very special card" for her mummy. Immediately her tear-stained face turned into a beaming smile. I then took her to a friend's shop and explained what this precious child wanted to do--he then helped me put together a basket of treats for her mother from so broken packages he had out the back. Afterward, she gathered up the goods and ran off toward where her mummy was waiting, but suddenly she stopped and ran back with a beautiful "thank you." I was reminded that day that sometimes sp little can do so much. Remember whether it is a lot or a little, a mite or a million, your generosity makes a difference.

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SCRIPTURE

NARRATOR: They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out.

UNCLEAN SPITIT: "What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

NARRATOR: But Jesus rebuked them saying,

JESUS: "Be silent and come out of him!"

NARRATOR: And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were amazed, and they kept on asking one another,

CONGREGATION: "What is this?" A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him!"

NARRATOR: At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

PRESIDER: In our scripture today we are reminded that Jesus always seems to be able to control the situation. He heals, he teaches, he loves. He wants to be part of your life too, not as a "control freak" but as someone who loves you and wants the choices you make be good ones because you are loved so much!