

God's Love Goes Out – Sacred Moments

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Text: Acts 2: 42-47

CELEBRATING MILESTONES

As a culture we celebrate milestones – birthdays, anniversaries, graduations etc. As a church we celebrate them as well. Today we rejoiced in those in our Grade 6 class as they completed their part in the Church School and move forward into Youth Group and into the larger church context. Today we rejoiced in the choice of affirming Jesus as Lord and Saviour through baptism and profession of faith. Today we rejoiced in the choice of responding to Jesus' call to serve the larger church.

We rejoice in these moments because we see and know them to be profound moments. Profound moments where the finding of faith in a deeper and richer way is celebrated. In a world filled with increasing secularism – even within the church – where the mystery of the sacred is diminishing we remember the sacred moments of connecting and interacting with God.

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

We are challenged in Psalm 46: 10 to be still and know that God is. Truthfully we struggle with being still and we don't often let ourselves be stilled – even by God. A stillness that does away with the limitations of our life and faith. A stillness that lets go of our inefficiencies of our knowledge, desires and capability to run life our way.

A knowledge that allows God to be and to do in our lives and in the world around us through our lives. A knowledge that is based less on what we know OF God or ABOUT God but rather on our connection WITH God. Not as equals but as covenantal relaters.

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENTS

A stillness that reflects the presence of God but also the presents of God for us. The church celebrates sacraments that reflect a presence that is present. A sacrament is in many ways a sacred moment – a holy moment. Where God is here – now!

We baptize and rejoice in God's promises – that always were and always will be. We share the Lord's Supper and rejoice that in the remembrance of the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – we are forgiven and we are freed.

The moment – the sacred moment – where God is present for us in a way that makes us aware of Him and His covenant with us. A moment that reminds us of all that God has done for us – in us and through us.

A moment that encourages us to seek more of God and inspires us to serve more for God.