

Children's sermon: August 16, 2020

**"Miracles??"**

Little "Geic" and his buddy Beth are talking ... right up here on the altar.

Geic asks Beth ----- "Do you believe in miracles??"

Beth: "I think so ..... especially the Jesus-ones in the Bible."

Geic: "I sometimes wonder about miracles ..... we sure could use a few now ...  
in this crazy world."

Beth: "Speaking of miracles ...what is going on down there on the altar rail??"

Geic: "I think it's Fred ... and someone else is there, too."

Yes .... it's Fred. The lonely styrofoam cup. Fred has been really sad lately.  
He's been hangin' around our church for 46 years. A styrofoam cup ... filled with ordinary water ...  
and feelin' a bit sorry for himself.

And look who shows up: GOOD OLD **FLAT JESUS**.

Flat Jesus is sittin' in this blue chalice ... and notices Fred's very sad face.

"What's wrong, Fred???"

"Feelin' sorry for myself. I'm tired of feeling so ordinary and taken-for-granted.  
Being a styrofoam cup ... filled with water ----- how ordinary can a person be??"

Flat Jesus looks at Fred.

You need to spend a little time in my chalice ----- we call this the CUP OF HOPE.  
So, Fred ----- take all your "ordinary water" and put it into my "cup of hope."

Come on.

Don't be nervous.

Let it go!@!!

Let the water flow!!

(sounds like song!@!!) ----- there goes Fred's water ... into the CUP OF HOPE.

OK, Fred ..... how do you feel?

Let's take the water from the cup of hope ... pour it out ... into this fresh cup.

And????????? ----- I think we have here a cup of FINE WINE!!

Fred finally starts to smile.

"I guess I'm not so ordinary after all!!"

For sure.

When you live with hope ...

When you can accept and enjoy who you are ...

When you discover that being ordinary is ok ... because God uses ordinary people  
like us to do un-ordinary things ----- it's kind-of like turning water into wine.

Hey, Geic and Beth ----- do you believe in miracles now??