

Children's sermon: September 19, 2021

"The end of the table"

"Flat Jesus" is having a banquet ... and the table is long.
He is at the head of the table ... sitting in his humble "joy coffee mug."

"Please come to my table ... a banquet table of love and goodness."

Oh, my ----- glasses and mugs and fancy chalices are rushing to be at the head of the table.

Especially these fancy glasses we use in church a lot.

Each one thinks he/she should be first.

Do famous people deserve to be at the head of the table more than others??

Jesus looks at all these glasses and chalices ---- fighting to be first in line.

Then he asks everyone to be quiet.

Way at the end of the table is a really small plastic cup.

Small. Common. Very ordinary. Very quiet ... with just small "splash" of wine inside.

Jesus asks: "who are you."

"My name is Fred."

"Why are you way back there?"

"Well ... I'm small ... not very important ... this is where I belong."

Jesus smiles.

"Nobody is not-very-important in my kingdom and at my table.

Please come forward ... and sit next to me."

Everyone is surprised. What is going on??

Jesus explains:

You should know this ... if you've been following me.

Everyone one is welcome at this table ----- this table of love and goodness.

No need to fight to be at the head of the table.

So often ----- the last are first ... and the first are last.

It's the way it is in life.

At my banquet table ... it's not about where you sit ... it's about who
you are on the inside. Welcome, Fred --- today you are the guest of honor.

My friends ----- I have a cup for you.

It says on it: "Rise with the tide."

Yes ----- when we believe in "Flat Jesus" and his message ... we "rise with the tide"
and sit at his table.