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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of miracles, we praise you. You have turned water into wine!

**All: The ordinary into the beautiful.**

Leader: Scarcity into abundance.

**All: Despair into confidence.**

Leader: And you turn us once again into your people:

**All: No one into Someone.**

Leader: Scattered pieces into one Body.

**All: Ordinary lives changed into worship. Alleluia!**

## HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*UMH #103*

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of Abundance, we come to you today, lifting to you our emptiness, our longing, our hoping for a better world. In the midst of our fear, remind us of your transforming and overflowing love and the jars of plenty out of which we can live abundantly in service to all people, especially those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit. Amen.**

## THE BASKET

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love, we confess we have thought ourselves unworthy to be vessels of your glory. We have neglected the gifts of your Spirit in us. We have displaced your spiritual gifts with our fears and appetites. Heal our fear and distrust; forgive our unwillingness. Revive your Spirit in us. Renew the gifts of your Spirit, that each of us, each in our own way, may be vessels of your grace, water of humanity turned into wine of glory.**

*...Silent prayer....*

### THE WORD OF GRACE

**By the grace we know in Christ we are assured that all our sins are forgiven entirely, and we are set free to live by the power of the Holy Spirit alone.**

**SCRIPTURE** John 2: 1-11

Reader: We begin our worship series with the iconic story of Jesus as the wedding guest you always want to invite—the one who saves the day when the wine runs out. In the economy of Jesus, there is always more than meets the eye as hope never runs dry. Just when we begin to expect the worst, Jesus' reminds us that there is more good stuff in store. Hear this Word from the 2nd chapter of John:

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So, they took it.

When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

This is a Word of God reminding us that we can never out-spend the hope that fills the house.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

*The Empty Vessel Must Be Filled....*

**HYMN**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*UMH #140*

## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

### OFFERTORY

*Give Thanks*

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2*

### *Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, who turns water into wine and scarcity into abundance, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. May these offerings be transformed, just as you transform our lives with your grace. Guide us to use these resources to meet the needs we see around us, to share your love, and to build your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## \* CLOSING HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*UMH #519*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS January 2025**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>**

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

#### **Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

#### **Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Grace Café @ 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

#### **Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

#### **Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Worship with Parish Drive @ 10am



**MAKE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR YEAR END STATEMENT ON THE  
BACK TABLE OF THE SANCTUARY TODAY!!**

## **The Economy of Jesus Week 1 – Fill My House with Hoping**

Our world is filled with opportunities to become cynical, to expect the worst, to give up. In today's story, Jesus, his mother, and his disciples find themselves at the center of a scene of scarcity and concern. Into this mess Jesus ushers in God's joyous kingdom. Jesus takes what appears to be empty and fills it to the brim. He takes what is ordinary and makes it extra-ordinary.

The Wedding at Cana is a story of abundance, grace upon grace, relationship, trust, and sharing. Jesus invites us to see that together, in community, we have more than enough. What do we do with our abundance? We give it away. Why? So that all of God's creation can flourish and have abundant life. This is the promise, the hope, that Jesus offers us.

In what ways have you been a recipient of God's abundance?

❖ Gifts I have received:

In what ways can you be a giver?

❖ Gifts I can share:

**Come to Book Club Today, 1/19!**

Our January Book is **Tapestry by Beth Duke**.

It is a standalone novel that features a family of three generations of women as they go about their daily lives but also discover their roots. Sky Willis is the granddaughter of Verna Willis, who insists on people calling her Sparrow and that she is descended from Muscogee Creek Indians.



**Sunday School**

Exciting News for Sunday School! We will now have a program for infants and toddlers aged 3 months to 4 years old. This will be led by Miss Olivia, who is First Aid /CPR/AED Certified and a Lead Teacher at So Big Child Development Center.

Olivia will be in Rm 9 on Sunday mornings during service. Feel free to contact her: [olivia747m@hotmail.com](mailto:olivia747m@hotmail.com)

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