

Worship for January 9

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 43

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

**For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.**

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, God of grace and mercy. Change us from the inside out – like water into wine – to become what your world needs. Grant us courage and compassion so that our communities, our nation, our church, and all of creation may know your justice and love. (silent prayers)

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation, verses 1,2,3,5*

SCRIPTURE READING - John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON *Filling Jars, Trusting God*

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM *We Three Kings, trad.*

Starmount Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 298 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission, verses 1,2,4,5*

BENEDICTION