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"Fill the Jar(s)" of Clay • Jesus' First Miracle at the Wedding in Cana

Photo by Rex Espiritu (from/ in Israel)

Our Vision Statement

"To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God's love."

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

***Doxology** - all to sing

No. 592

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 Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God, stretching to the heavens—

People: God, lofty like the clouds—

Leader: God, mighty like the mountains—

People: God, immense like the great deep—

Leader: your salvation is expansive and generous, touching people and creatures alike.

People: We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love!

***Opening Hymn**

["Great Is Thy Faithfulness"](#)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. Indeed, Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us—like water into wine—to become what the world lacks, that our community,

our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: The love of God flows ceaselessly. The mercy of God never ends.
Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. Friends, Believe the good news:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Anthem

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading [Isaiah 62:1-5](#); [Psalm 36:5-10](#) (NRSV)

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message

Music For Meditation "Spirit of the Living God"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading [1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#); [John 2:1-11](#) (NRSV)

Sermon "Fill the Jars" The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "[How Firm a Foundation](#)"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Lectionary readings for January 23, 2022

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19
I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21