



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## *The Spiritual Practices of Jesus*

September 12, 2021

### **Prelude**

*The Altar of Faith*

**We are Called to Worship** – Friends, today is a good day to celebrate. Jesus has revealed to us the abundance of God’s grace. With joy and thanksgiving let us bring to God our worship and praise as we celebrate God’s presence among us.

### **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

*You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

### **A Time of Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

*Graham Maverick Kyle*

### **We Hear God’s Word**

*John 2:1-12 (CEB)*

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They don’t have any wine.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, “Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn’t come yet.”

<sup>5</sup> His mother told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water,” and they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, “Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter,” and they did. <sup>9</sup> The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn’t know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom <sup>10</sup> and said, “Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup> After this, Jesus and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there for a few days.

## **Meditation**

### *The Spiritual Practices of Jesus: Celebration*

Today we celebrate the work and ministry of those who have faithfully served our church, adding to our ministry, as we seek to serve and enrich the world around us.

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**—Jesus turned water into the best wine, so imagine what Jesus can do with the gifts we offer this day.

**September Benevolence**— Since 1994 Horizon House has been serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness, meeting them where they are and providing them with shelter, safety, and services to improve their quality of life. The mission of Horizon House is this: “Horizon House is a full-service agency that connects individuals experiencing homelessness with integrated, comprehensive services. We provide a safe place and basic services as they take steps towards a more stable life.” Your gifts to Horizon House will directly support our neighbors.

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at [www.zionuccindy.net/donate](http://www.zionuccindy.net/donate)

## **Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**—God, we celebrate with thanksgiving the gifts that have been given to you this day. We ask that you bless them and work through them. God, be with us as together we dedicate our lives to your service and mission. Work through us, here at Zion, that we might share your abundant blessing in the world. Amen.

## **Hymn**

*We All Are One in Mission, 552 (v. 1 & 2)*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing**—We rejoice at what God has done. We celebrate the call God has given to us. We give thanks that God has brought us together at Zion to do God's work. Keep the party going this week. Find moments to celebrate and experience God's joy as you serve and enrich the world around you.

## **Postlude**

*Alleluia*