

What does  
it mean to  
be Chosen?



**February 6, 2022**

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me." (Isaiah 43:10)

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.  
**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you  
**People: And also with you.**

## Praise and Prayer

### **There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do**

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## Prayer of Confession

### **Resurrecting**

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## Announcements

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## Scripture Reading

### **John 2:1-11**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### **You Are a Witness**

5<sup>th</sup> in the series "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?"

## Response

### **Way Maker**

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## **The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

## **Communion Song**

## **Here Is Love**

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## **Affirmation of Faith**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## **Blessing**

## **Postlude**

# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

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## Prelude

## Meditation (Thais)

(by Jules Massenet)

## Welcome

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

## Opening Hymn

## O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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## Responsive Reading:

## Psalm 34:1-8

I will extol the LORD at all times;  
His praise will always be on my lips.

**I will glory in the LORD;  
Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Glorify the LORD with me;  
let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
He delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant;  
Their faces are never covered with shame.

**This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;  
He saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
And he delivers them.

**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our

evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### **Response**

### **Glory Be to the Father**

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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**

### **Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him**

*(by Joshua Parman)*

### **Scripture Reading**

### **John 2:1-11**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

### **You Are a Witness**

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### **Music for Reflection**

### **Amazing Grace**

*(by Richard Proulx)*

### **Doxology**

### **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

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

### **The Lord's Supper**

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### **Communion Reflection Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord**

*(by Richard Warner)*

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the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## Closing Hymn

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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## Benediction

## Postlude

## Come, Christians, Join to Sing

(by Carolyn Hamlin)

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon

Prayers of the People

Worship Leader

Scripture Readers

Worship Band Members

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard

Rev. Greg Buell

Luke Stoner, Pastoral Intern

Jill Nevil (9:30); Matt Morgan (11:00)

Luke Stoner (acoustic guitar), Carl Tobias (electric guitar)

Christine Cheung (synthesizer)

Greg Dill, Ellen Westel, Deb Valkenaar (vocals)

Soloist

Loren Myers, soprano

Interim Choir Director/Organist (11:00)

Sharon Peterson

Anthem (11:00)

Chancel Bell Choir

Choral Music (11:00)

Village Church Choir

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# Reflection Questions

## Season 1, Episode 5

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

John 2:1-12

### The Wedding at Cana (NRSV)

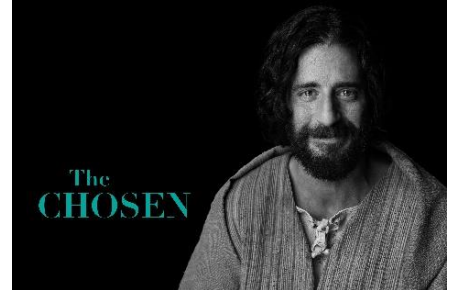
<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> 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 <sup>10</sup> 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."

<sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. <sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.



### Key Characters in Season 1, Episode 4:

Jesus, Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, Nicodemus, Simon, Thomas

### Reflection Questions for Episode 4 from Season 1:

1. What are your first reactions to this episode?
2. What did you think of Eden's response to Peter's calling? When has someone believed in something you needed to do even though it didn't make much sense?
3. When you go to a wedding, what do you enjoy the most? In your mind, what is the most moving aspect of the service? Are there areas that bother you?
4. When you have participated in organizing a wedding or been a participant, what made you most nervous about the day?
5. Why do you think Jesus chose to do this first sign to reveal his glory (John 2:11)? What is the connection, in any, to the Old Testament?
6. In the series, the writers create an interaction between Jesus and Thomas. What does it reveal about the nature of faith and how we step out in faith?