



THE PARTY PRINCE

CHRISTMAS TO EASTER #6
(JOHN 2:1-11)

NOTES:

I contend that in all these miracles alike the incarnate God does suddenly and locally something that God has done or will do in general. Each miracle writes for us in small letters something that God has already



written, or will write, in letters 'almost too large to be noticed, across the whole canvas of Nature.... The earliest of these was the conversion of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. This miracle proclaims that the God of all wine is present. The vine is one of the blessings sent by Jahweh: He is the reality behind the false god Bacchus. Every year, as part of the Natural order, God makes wine. He does so by

creating a vegetable organism that can turn water, soil and sunlight into a juice which will, under proper conditions, become wine. Thus, in a certain sense, He constantly turns water into wine, for wine, like all drinks, is but water modified. Once, and in one year only, God, now incarnate, short circuits the process: makes wine in a moment: uses earthenware jars instead of vegetable fibres to hold the water. But uses them to do what He is always doing. The miracle consists in the short cut; but the event to which it leads is the usual one...

- C. S. Lewis, Miracles 1947

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

February 4, 2024

Service for Communion Sunday

February 4, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. – John 2:11

We Gather as Followers of Jesus

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano
Greetings and Church Family News Elder Chris Rhodes
Call to Worship Psalm 145 (hymnal, p.838)

We Worship Jesus with Whom We Find Abundant Life

***Opening Hymn** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” #310

Children’s Prayer Time

Prayer of Confession, Word of Pardon & Gloria Patri (#734)

Time of Offering

Special Music “Nearer My God to Thee” - Traditional
Hyeyoung Choi, Ryan & Kristy Kwon

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God’s Word Leads Us to Believe in Jesus

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (p.887)

Message: The Party Prince Patrick McNeely
(Christmas to Easter #6)

We See the Glory of Our Savior at His Table

***Hymn of Preparation** “Jesus the Very Thought of Thee” #645

Unison Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin
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.*

We Go Forth to Follow Jesus into His Abundant Life

***Closing Hymn** “Lord of the Dance” [bulletin insert]

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** Nancy Tedford, organ

*indicates to stand if you are able

Hymns for February 4th

Rejoice, the Lord Is King (#310)

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the Gods of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. [Refrain]
3. His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]
5. Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home. [Refrain]

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (#645)

- 1 Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
- 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find,
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.
- 3 O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
- 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:
the love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.
- 5 Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Lord of the Dance

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He;
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance, said He.

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance, and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me, and the Dance went on. [Refrain]
- 3 I danced on the Sabbath, and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]
- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black—
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone—
But I am the Dance, and I still go on. [Refrain]
- 5 They cut me down, and I leapt up high:
I am the life that'll never, ever die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me—
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. [Refrain]