

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 2, 2008**

**GATHERING WITH JOY**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & call to worship**

**\*Gathering songs**

*(Ushers available for seating)*

**“Ancient of Days”**

**“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**\*God's greeting and greeting each other**

**\*Time of praise**

**“Worthy Is the Lamb”**

**“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”**

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

**Scripture reading: John 4:46-54**

**Prayer**

**Lord, the man in this story knew enough about you to believe you could heal his son. You affirmed his faith, and brought miraculous healing. Give us faith to believe that you can heal our brokenness, and open our eyes to see you at work in the world around us. Whether it is summer, autumn, winter, or spring, we believe you are working to bring us new life in Christ. Amen.**

**Song “Every Season”** Nicole Nordeman

**Morning prayer**

**Pastoral Blessing**

*(Children Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may be escorted to Children in Worship)*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture:** John 2:1-22 (page 968)

**Message:** Signs

**RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE**

**\*Song of response**

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

**Our gifts to the Lord:** Ministries of Brookside and Christian Education

**Offertory**

**\*God's blessing**

**\*Closing song “Bless and Keep You”**

**Postlude**

\* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Brian Ochsner

Pianist: Sue Schepel

Praise team:

Dick Lenger, Diane Scott, Judy Zwart, Steve Zwart

Drums: Dane Olson

Bass guitar: Cal Rozeboom

Guitar: Zach Vandenberg

Flute: Kasi Edwards

Liturgical dance: Lydia Blickey, Annalise DeYoung, Ann Marie Kauffman

**John 2:1-22**

<sup>Jn 2:1</sup> On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>Jn 2:2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>Jn 2:3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” <sup>Jn 2:4</sup> “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” <sup>Jn 2:5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>Jn 2:6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. <sup>Jn 2:7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water;” so they filled them to the brim. <sup>Jn 2:8</sup> Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, <sup>Jn 2:9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>Jn 2:10</sup> and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” <sup>Jn 2:11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples put their faith in him. <sup>Jn 2:12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days. <sup>Jn 2:13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>Jn 2:14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>Jn 2:15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>Jn 2:16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!” <sup>Jn 2:17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>Jn 2:18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” <sup>Jn 2:19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” <sup>Jn 2:20</sup> They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” <sup>Jn 2:21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>Jn 2:22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.