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The story of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana is significant because it marks the first of His miracles, revealing His divine power and foreshadowing the abundance of grace He brings. It shows that Jesus cares about the everyday joys and struggles of life, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary.

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, just as Jesus turned water into wine, you transform our gifts into blessings beyond measure.

Take these offerings, given from hearts of gratitude,
and use them to bring joy, hope, and renewal to the world.

May they become signs of your abundance,
spreading love and grace to all who thirst for You.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who thirst for the living water.

People: We come to the One who turns ordinary into extraordinary.

Leader: Bring your empty jars and expectant hearts.

People: We come to the One who fills us with grace and overflows our joy.

Leader: Rejoice, for Christ is here to renew and transform us.

All: Let us worship the One who makes all things new!

OPENING HYMN: HYMN: #234 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

1 Let us with a gladsome mind
praise our God forever kind;
whose great mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

2 God, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light;
for God's mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

3 God has with a gracious eye
looked upon our misery;
for God's mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

4 All things living God does feed,
with full measure meets their need;
for God's mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

5 Let us with a gladsome mind
praise our God forever kind;
whose great mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and transforming God, You turned water into wine, revealing Your glory and bringing joy to the celebration. Pour out Your Spirit upon us this day. Transform our lives, that we may reflect Your grace. Renew our hearts, that we may overflow with Your love. Fill our worship with Your presence, so that we may see and believe in the wonders You perform. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S VIDEO

LITANY FOR JESUS TURNING WATER INTO WINE

Leader: Lord Jesus, You attended a wedding and turned water into wine.

People: You know how to keep a party going!

Leader: When the jars were empty and the celebration was at risk...

People: You didn't just fill them; You overflowed with the best!

Leader: You didn't settle for ordinary water.

People: You made something extraordinary—just like You do in our lives!

Leader: When we feel like we've run out of joy...

People: Fill us up with Your overflowing grace!

Leader: When our lives seem bland and tasteless...

People: Bring the rich flavor of Your love to our hearts.

Leader: You care about the big and small moments of life.

People: From weddings to weekdays, You show up!

Leader: So we lift up our hearts in celebration and trust.

All: Jesus, our miracle worker, pour out Your joy in us today!

CHORUS: #41 In His Time

In His time, in His time,

He makes all things beautiful in His time.

Lord, please show me ev'ry day,

As You're teaching me Your way,

That You do just what You say, in Your time.

In Your time, in Your time,

You make all things beautiful in Your time.

Lord, my life to You I bring,

May each song I have to sing

Be to You a lovely thing, in Your time.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 2:1-11

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman,^[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.^[b]

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him

MESSAGE: Turning Water into Wine – When God Shows Up

Today's passage takes us to the first of Jesus' miraculous signs in the Gospel of John: the wedding at Cana. In John 2:1-11, we witness a moment that reveals Jesus' divine glory and points to the transformative power of His ministry.

The story of turning water into wine is more than a miracle; it's a message. It speaks to God's abundant grace, the power of transformation, and the invitation to trust Jesus fully.

I want to talk about a moment in Jesus' life that may seem small but carries a big message. It's a story of joy, transformation, and the surprising ways God shows up when we least expect it.

Let's set the scene: a wedding in Cana, a big celebration, music, dancing, and laughter. But then—disaster strikes—they run out of wine. In those days, this would've been a social nightmare. But what happens next is not just a miracle; it's a glimpse of who Jesus really is.

The first thing to notice is this: Jesus didn't heal a sick person or raise someone from the dead here. He helped a wedding party by making sure they didn't run out of wine. You might say to meWhy does this matter?

Because it shows us that God cares about every part of our lives—the big things and the small things. Sometimes, we think God only steps in for "serious" problems. But this story reminds us that God sees your worries, your stresses, and even the little things that make you happy. You know we all have those things that we feel aren't important enough to God to pray about. Maybe it's a friendship, a test coming up, or a dream you're scared to share. This story says, "Bring it to Jesus."

And now I want you think about this ... Faith Starts with Trusting Jesus Did you notice Mary's role? She saw the problem and went straight to Jesus. Even when Jesus said, "My time hasn't come yet," she trusted Him. She told the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

Faith often starts just like that—not with perfect understanding but with simple trust. You may not always know what Jesus is doing, but when you take a step of faith, you open the door for Him to work.

Think about this..... Imagine you're holding a flashlight in the dark. You can't see the whole path ahead, but as you take each step, more of the way becomes clear. Faith works like that, it's about trusting Jesus with one step at a time.

And now we get to the heart of the story: Jesus takes six jars of plain water, ordinary, nothing special, and turns them into the best wine anyone has ever tasted. He doesn't just make enough; He makes more than enough, and it's better than anyone expected. When the water is drawn from the jars and taken to the master of the banquet, it has been transformed into wine, not just any wine, but the finest wine. The master's astonishment underscores the extraordinary nature of this miracle.

This act of transformation symbolizes the new covenant that Jesus brings. The water of the old rituals is replaced by the wine of God's grace and joy. Jesus doesn't just meet the immediate need; He exceeds expectations, providing abundantly and beautifully.

That's what Jesus does. He takes what's ordinary, like water, like us, and transforms it into something extraordinary.

This story is a reminder that when Jesus is involved, transformation is possible. Lastly, this miracle isn't just practical, it's joyful. Weddings are celebrations, and Jesus' first miracle happened in the middle of one. This tells us that following Jesus isn't about giving up joy; it's about finding real, abundant joy. This was the beginning of his ministry, he wasn't really known to many, and Jesus didn't come to take the fun out

of life. He came to make life full and meaningful, like the best wine at the party.

John concludes the passage by stating that this was the first of the signs through which Jesus revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him (v. 11). This miracle was not just about providing wine; it was about revealing who Jesus is, the Messiah, the Son of God, who brings life and joy to His people.

For the disciples, this sign deepened their faith and commitment to follow Him. For us, it is an invitation to see Jesus for who He truly is and to place our trust in Him.

So, here's the question I want to leave with you: Where do you need Jesus to show up in your life? Maybe it's a relationship, a challenge, or a question about who you are.

Like the servants at the wedding, take what you have, whatever it is, and give it to Him. Trust Him to do what only He can do.

Prayer "Lord, thank You for caring about every part of our lives, big and small. Help us to trust You even when we don't understand. Take the 'water' in our lives and transform it into something extraordinary. Help us to experience Your joy and abundance in every moment. Amen."

HYMN: #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine.
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of abundance, we come before You with gratitude for the ways
You transform and renew our lives.

Response: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church, that we may continue to bear witness to Your
miracles of grace and love.

Response: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who feel empty and weary, may they experience the
overflowing joy that comes from You.

Response: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in need of transformation—of heart, mind, or circumstance—
pour out Your Spirit and make all things new.

Response: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the world, that it may see and believe in the signs of Your presence
among us.

Response: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift these prayers to You, trusting in Your power to transform. In the
name of Jesus Christ, who turned water into wine and sorrow into joy,
we pray. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: #510 We Have This Ministry

1 We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;
it is by God’s own power that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God’s word, speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

2 O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower, when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to serve by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

3 The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.
We have this ministry O God, receive our loving

SENDING FORTH

Go now, with hearts filled and spirits renewed,
knowing that the One who turned water into wine
goes with you to transform your lives and the world.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you today and always.

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Tuesday, January 21st: Coffee time at Springvale at 9:30am. Everyone
is welcome!

Sunday, January 26th: Deadline to get reports in for Annual Meetings.
Note Date Change, to give us all a little more time

Sunday, February 16th: Springvale Annual Meeting immediately
following worship. Lunch details to follow.

Sunday, February 16th: Peggy will be at Springvale’s annual meeting.
Peter & Jo-Ann will be leading the service that Peggy has prepared.

Sunday, February 23rd: Hagersville’s Annual Meeting immediately
following worship. Potluck lunch to follow, please bring main course or
dessert.

**Please bring paper products for the Hagersville
Food Bank! 😊**

My Goal for Today... 13 things:

Pray more, worry less,
Laugh more, stress less,
Hug more, hurry less,
Listen more, talk less,
Love more, judge less,
Dream more, fear less,
Play more, rush less,
Trust more, panic less,
Treasure more, strive less,
Praise more, criticize less,
Give more, hold on to less,
Forgive more, harbour less,
Enjoy more, compare less.

