

Sermon-Based Bible Study



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A Sacramental Life - The Rev. Dr. Mike Elliott, Guest Speaker**Text (NRSV):** John 2: 1-12

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. **Read John 2:1-5.**
 - What do these verses show us about Jesus' life at the time—his relationships, activities, and ministry?
 - Why do you think John included this story, while the other gospel writers - Matthew, Mark, and Luke - did not?
3. **Read John 2:6-10.**
 - Even though Jesus seemed reluctant, why do you think he decided to intervene in this wedding hospitality crisis?
 - What do you notice about the process Jesus chose for turning the water in the jars into wine?
4. **Read John 2:11-12.**

Consider the following definitions.

 - Miracle - *a surprising and welcome event that is not explainable by natural or scientific laws*
 - Sign - *a gesture or action to convey information or instruction*
 - Why do you think John calls this event a *sign* rather than a *miracle*?
 - Have you ever received what seemed like a sign from God?
5. A sacrament is a sacred practice, such as communion or baptism, that communicates God's extraordinary love and grace through ordinary means or symbols.
 - How does this story about Jesus turning the water into wine at a local wedding help us understand how God wants to relate to us?
 - When have you experienced God turning something ordinary into something extraordinary or being present in the ordinary moments of your life?
6. How can we pray for you?