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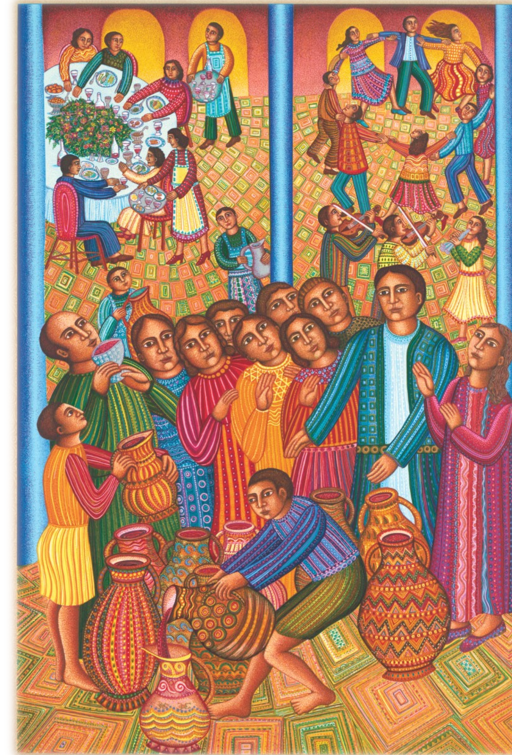
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Traditional Worship



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Sunday Worship Service

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Call to Worship

Pastor: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: All people may take refuge
in the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 36:7)

Prelude (Procession of the Acolytes)

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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Amen.

***Song of Praise:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness (UMH 140, All Verses)

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771)

***Glory Be to the Father** (Hymn 70)

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11

Children's Time

Choral Praise: Asante Sana, Yesu

Pastoral Prayer 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass 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.*

Invitation to Give

Offertory

***Doxology** (Old 100th)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Song of Adoration:** Are Ye Able? (UMH 530, v. 1-3)

Message: Only the Best for the Kingdom!

***Song of Joy:** Lift Every Voice And Sing (UMH 519, All Verses)

***Benediction**

— You Are Now Entering The Mission Field —

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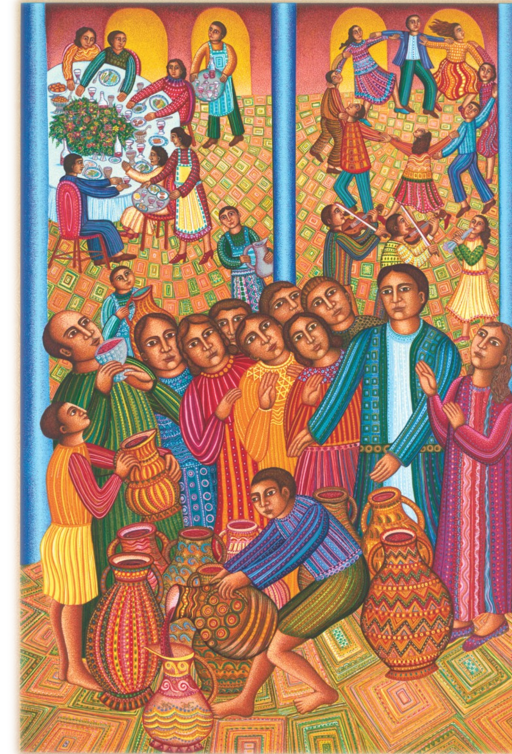
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Amen.*

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Announcements

Question of the Day & Break

New Wine

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Wrap-Up

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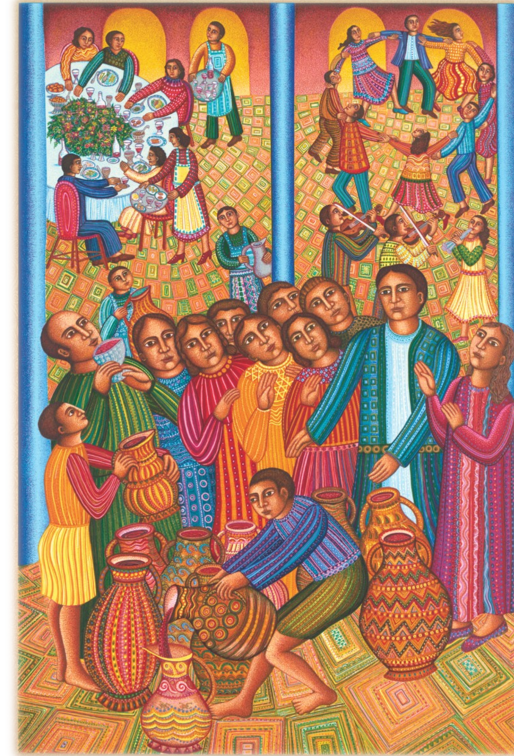
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**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you
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***Praise Response:** Glory Be To The Father (Hymnal 70)

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Closing Song

They That Wait Upon The Lord

*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary; They shall walk and not faint.
Help us, Lord; help us, Lord, on our way.*

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