

Sunday Morning Worship

September 4, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude Sarabande from Partita No. 1, BWV 825 J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship Genesis 1:27-28

So, God created humankind in God's own image, in the image God created them; male and female God created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it;

With endless creativity, God forms and shapes our lives.

Each of us bears the image of our maker.

Each of us is made in love.

Let us worship God our maker together! Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* 483

*The Call to Confession

Jesus calls us to follow him, knowing that the path is difficult and that sin lurks at every turn. Trusting in God's mercy, let us seek forgiveness, that we may follow more nearly in the way of Jesus.

*The Prayer of Confession Jeremiah 18:6

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory.

Forgiving God, hear us now as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).

Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.

The Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the sounds of love poured out: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new. Sisters and Brothers, in the name of Christ, I declare that your story is known, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen!

*The Response

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

The Voluntary Menuet I from Partita No. 1, BWV 825 J.S. Bach

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11 page 840 OT

The New Testament Reading Philemon 1:1-21 page 293 NT

The Sermon "At the Potter's House"

Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith : (*The Apostles' Creed Interpreted*)

What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?
That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. Amen!

*The Hymn *Have Thine Own Way Lord* see insert

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Menuet II from Partita No. 1, BWV 825 J.S. Bach

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude Gigue from Partita No. 1, BWV 825 J.S. Bach

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Liturgist: Karen Schadel

Greeter: Billie Bauer

Fellowship Coffee Servers: Maxine Berden and Mary Smith

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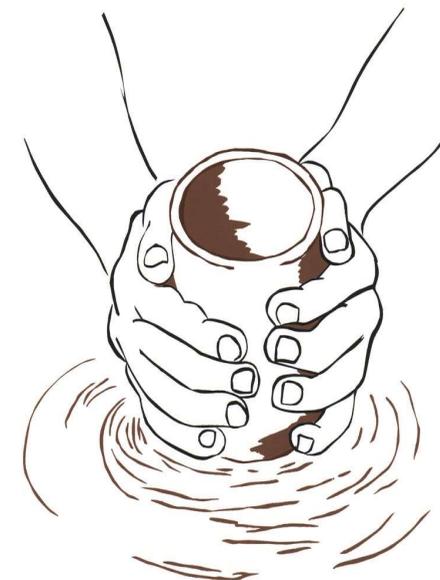
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Father,
You are the potter,
I am the clay.
Remold me
by your Spirit
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.



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HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD 449

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2 Chronicles 30:8

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Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day!
Wound-ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray!
Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway!

Mold me and make me Af - ter Thy will,
Bright - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,
Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is Thine!
Fill with Thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see

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