

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Potter and the Clay



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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CALL TO WORSHIP

“We Welcome You

CCLI#134016

1. We are all Together, To call upon Your name,
There is nothing we like better,
Than to sing and give You praise.

CHORUS:

**Lord, we welcome You, We welcome You,
We welcome You, Come fill this place**

2. Bring healing and salvation, Let Your kingdom come,
Right here just like in heaven, May Your will be done. **CHORUS**
3. Father, come fill this place, We welcome You,
Jesus, we seek Your face because
All we want to do is, Give our love to you.

CHORUS :

**We welcome You, We welcome You,
We welcome You, Come fill this place,
Come fill this place, Come fill this place**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“In The Garden”

CCLI#62858

(Please Stand on the Last Verse)

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses.
And the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

**Chorus: And He walks with me and He talks with me
and He tells me I am His own.**

**And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever know**

2. He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet, the birds hush their
singing and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.

Chorus:

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling,
but He bids me go in the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

Chorus:

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God,

in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

ANTHEM: "Who Am I?" by Casting Crowns

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 18:1-11

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may

declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:4-8

Glory to you, O Lord

⁴When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Change My Heart Oh God"

CCLI#1565

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

You are the potter, I am the clay

Mold me and make me, this I pray

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

Please stand if able

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe (global mission partners may be named). Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy (especially). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.

Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – Led by Praise Team

Our Father in heaven Holy be your name.

Your kingdom come your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us the wrong we have done

As we forgive those who wrong us.

And do not put us to the test

But deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

Are yours now and forever, forever.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “All the People Said Amen”

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You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you're feeling frail, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God, it's all you need

**Chorus: And all the people said Amen, Whoa, oh
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends
And all the people said Amen**

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all **Chorus**

Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart
Blessed are the prosecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people lonely for another start
For this is a kingdom The kingdom of God **Chorus x 2**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Pat Becker & Char Berg

Ushers: 8:30am Patti Smith & Sherry Whipple 10:00am Darrell Kelly

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 30, 2021: In Person: 8:30 am 32
10:00 am: 22
Online: 8

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

June 7, 2021 – June 13, 2021

Monday	6/7	9:00 am	WELCA Craft Brainstorming
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/3	9:00 am	Quilters
		5:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/3	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	6/6	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS NEEDED if you can help us with ushering, please contact Jim Christensen.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee in between the services, the signup sheet is now on a board mounted in fellowship hall.

CRAFTER'S BRAINSTORMING MEETING Monday, June 7, 2021, at 9:00am. Bring your craft ideas or samples to the meeting. Looking for new and sellable crafts that can be worked on at our crafting Mondays. Crafts will be sold at our fall bazaar.

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED If you would like to help with the lawn mowing, there is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We can use your help. If you have any questions call Lee Forrester at 651-271-2186.



ACTS OF KINDNESS CARDS let someone know we care by taking a business card and paying it forward to let them know that our church welcomes all. See ideas, and pick up cards, on display in the Fellowship Hall.

MALMO LIONS COMMUNITY PICNIC June 23rd, 5:00pm at Mille Lacs Snowmobile Club. Adult Junk Bingo! Games for Kids. Free meal with good will donation. All proceeds go to local food shelves.

GLENN 4th OF JULY PARADE is on for this summer! If you are interested in representing Bethesda in the parade, give the office a call. 320 684-2123.