

Sunday, October 11, 2020
10:30 Online Worship/ Worship in the Grove
Prophecies and Pottery: Journey with Jeremiah

Thank you for wearing a mask and practicing 6 feet of social distancing.

As you arrive, please visit the welcome tables to:

- 1. Sign In – we will verify your name and phone number.**
- 2. Get a bulletin of the service or you can view it on your phone at :**



- 3. Share your offerings.**

GUESTS, Welcome to worship. To learn more about us, please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/unionneffs . If you would like us to follow up with you contact Pastor Kris at 610-767-6961, pastorkris@unionucc.org

NEW MEMBERS: Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to the gathering on November 22. We meet during the 9:15 hour in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor if we are in person, or we will meet virtually by zoom. This is a time to get to know each other and ask questions. You will be welcomed as members in worship on November 29th. Attendance is not required to join. For more information email Pastor Kris.
pastorkris@unionucc.org

We believe in extravagant welcome. We believe in God's inclusive love. We start worship with a greeting that reflects that welcome and love.

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Ushers: Donna Christman, Phil Wehr

Sound: Mike Baer, Drew Panner

PRELUDE

Song of the Sea & Finlandia

Dino Kartsonakis

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

L No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and faith's journey

C You are welcome here.

*BLACK HYMNAL #459 God Will Take Care of You

1. Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2. Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,

Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.

Jesus sough me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.

Come to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn a new!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.

Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L When we are left to our own devices, we become like weak and cracked vessels, unable to sustain love, mercy, and justice.

© But when we come before God, seeking God's healing love, we are given the strength and courage to serve others.

Ⓛ We often want to have our own way in all that we do.

© We have a difficult time trusting in God.

Ⓛ Lord, come to us this day, healing our mistrust and our hesitancy.

ALL: Give us spirits ready to receive your forgiveness and mercy. AMEN.

A POEM “Water” by Wendell Barry

I was born in a drouth year. That summer
my mother waited in the house, enclosed
in the sun and the dry ceaseless wind,
for the men to come back in the evenings,
bringing water from a distant spring.
veins of leaves ran dry, roots shrank.
And all my life I have dreaded the return
of that year, sure that it still is
somewhere, like a dead enemy's soul.
Fear of dust in my mouth is always with me,
and I am the faithful husband of the rain,
I love the water of wells and springs
and the taste of roofs in the water of cisterns.
I am a dry man whose thirst is praise
of clouds, and whose mind is something of a cup.
My sweetness is to wake in the night
after days of dry heat, hearing the rain.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Rev. Glenna T. Shepherd

I. Unformed

ONE: Skilled Potter God, I am your living clay.

ALL: I am your soft, unformed, and being-shaped mass of earth.

ONE: I am your in-process vessel, well-kneaded by your warm earth hands.

ALL: I am clay...becoming.

MUSIC: Softening My Way Bobby Jo Valentine

Commissioned by Glenna Shepherd

8x

I am a small lump of clay Here on this large

and love - ly earth, And yet be - fore I knew my name

You knew my form, you knew my worth. Long I re - sist - ed my shape; Long I in - sist - ted on my own plans.

Now I am soft - en - ing my ways, I'm go - ing back to the pot -

ter's hands.

Begin interlude

MONOLOGUES FROM THE POTTER'S HOUSE

Rev. Glenna T. Shepherd

MUSIC: Softening My Way Bobby Jo Valentine

CHILDREN'S TIME

In the Grove with Mrs. Maryann Puia

Online - Watch for Mrs. Puia on Facebook and our YouTube Channel during the week.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 2:4-13

4 Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel.

5 This is what the LORD says: "What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

6 They did not ask, 'Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?'

7 I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

8 The priests did not ask, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

9 "Therefore I bring charges against you again," declares the LORD. "And I will bring charges against your children's children.

10 Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this:

11 Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

12 Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror," declares the LORD.

13 "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

MESSAGE

Cracked Cisterns: Can't Hold Water
Freeman

Rev. Kayli

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

SONG: The Potter's Hand Darlene Zschech

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2. You gent-ly call me in-to Your pres - ence Guid-ing me by Your Ho-ly Spir - it.

Teach me, dear Lord, To live all of my life through Your eyes.

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I'm cap-tured by Your ho - ly call - ing; Set me a-part, I know You're draw - ing me

mf-f

to Your-self. Lead me, Lord, I pray. Take me,

mold me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Pot - ter's hand.

Hold me, guide me, lead me, walk be - side me. I

give my life to the Pot - ter's hand.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Outside Worship Offering – we will not be collecting your offerings during the service. Please plan to share them at the welcome table as you arrive or as you leave worship. Thank you for being the church with us!

MUSIC OFFERING

How Great Thou Art

Arr. Larry R. Beebe, Brittany Gelb

Donate to God's Mission and Ministry at UNION UCC

OFFERING ENVELOPES you can mail your envelopes to the church. The church address is on one side, just add a stamp.

ELECTRONIC GIVING This is a great time to try e-giving! Choose a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donation to be transferred electronically. Fill out the form at

<http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and return it to the church office. financialmanager@unionucc.org

DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit Card

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***BLESSING**

Ⓛ What you hold, may you always hold.
What you do, may you always do and never abandon,
But with swift pace, light step,
and unswerving feet, so that even your steps stir up no dust,
Go forward, securely, joyfully and swiftly,
On the path of prudent happiness,
believing nothing, agreeing with nothing
which would dissuade you from this resolution
or which would place a stumbling block for you on the way,
So that you may offer your vows to the Most High
In the pursuit of that perfection
To which the Spirit of the Lord has called you.
--Clare of Assisi, "The Second Letter to Blessed Agnes of Prague," Francis and Clare (New York: Paulist Press, 1982), 196

ALL (Sung):

Take me, Mold me

Use me, Fill me

I give my life to the Potter's hands

Hold me, Guide me

Lead me, Walk beside me

I give my life to the Potter's hand.

POSTLUDE

No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus Charles Weigle

Worship Theme - Prophecies and Pottery: Journey with
Jeremiah c. Worship Design Studio

Altar Design: Claire Kern, Deb Topp and Pastor Kris

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$7,122
Calendar 2020 (Jan-Aug)	\$238,364
Calendar 2019 (Jan-Aug)	\$247,941
Change from Last Year	-3.9%
Budget (July-Aug)	\$56,360
Actual (July-Aug)	\$54,827
Giving vs. Budget	-2.7%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

2020 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food	
Last Week:	
Total YTD:	6,743 lbs, \$2,345

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

In the Memory of my Father, Robert G. Herzog

Your support is especially important now as we work to provide spiritual care and connection for members and the community through Facebook posts, ads, and online worship.

Be a sponsor for \$20, send to Union UCC through your offering envelope or online marked Spread the Good News.

Contact Marissa to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.