

**Sunday, October 25, 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](http://www.unionucc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionneffs](https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs) . If you would like us to follow up with you contact Pastor Kris at 610-767-6961, [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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, Ron Pope

**Sound:** Mike Baer, Pat Sorg

## **PRELUDE**

Amazing Grace                      Traditional  
Andy & Garet Hill (Online)  
Blake Hoppes (Grove Worship)

## **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.

\*GOLD HYMNAL #528 God of Grace and God of Glory

**1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**

**3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4 Save us from weak resignation**

to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Poem: "Potter's Mark" by Jessica M. Collette  
Young Olivia watched her father  
Mold and spin the clay  
On his potter's wheel he worked  
Until he had a new item to display;  
Hour after hour Day after day  
Each piece he completed  
Ended the same way;  
With the delicate clay still wet  
He'd apply his potter's mark  
Declaring each one complete  
Stamped with a sign of his heart;  
He whispered to his daughter  
The importance of this step,  
"It's not only the sign of completion  
It's the mark of craftsmanship."  
As young Olivia listened  
A thought came into her head  
She rubbed her hand on her cheek  
Until her face was red;  
Innocently, she whispered back, "So, now I think I know,  
Why I have this freckle  
Right here on the tip of my nose.  
After I was made God placed a potter's mark  
Like you've said all craftsmen should."

**Prayer of Transformation** Rev. Glenna T. Shepherd

II. Ready to be Fired

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

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

ONE: Put me in fire, Skilled Potter God;

**ALL: put me in your own bright fire.**

ONE: I am warm, warm as you from fire.

ALL: Soft and hard, shaped and purposeful. I am so warm from fire.

**MUSIC: Softening My Way Bobby Jo Valentine**

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-ed on my own plans.  
Now I am soft-en-ing my ways, I'm go-ing back to the pot-  
-ter's hands.

**MONOLOGUES FROM THE POTTER'S HOUSE**

Rev. Glenna T. Shepherd "The Mark on the Broken Shards"

**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**

Shared Hebrew Scripture Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem:

A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: "The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back."

## **MESSAGE**

### **Welcome Rev. Randy D'Angelo**

Rev. Randy D'Angelo currently serves as Director of Enrollment at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem. He assumed that post in May 2019 upon the retirement of his predecessor, Rev. Dr. Dave DeRemer. Randy is also an alum of the institution, having received his Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree from Moravian in May 2016.

Shortly after graduating from Moravian, Rev. Randy was ordained and licensed for ministry by Metropolitan Community Churches in September 2016. His ministry work has included music and worship, adult Christian education, 21st century evangelism, new church development, and now graduate theological education administration.

Prior to his call to ministry, Randy received a Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Systems from Shepherd University (May 2005) and also spent a lengthy tour in the retail industry, where he held assorted positions

in store operations and human resources. He currently resides in Allentown, PA with his fiancé (and Union UCC member) Chris Hamm as well as a white New Zealand rabbit named Snowcap.

## 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

*mp*

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.

*mf*

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

to Your-self. Lead me, Lord, I pray. *mf-f* 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

Into the Sea (It's Gonna Be Ok)  
Keith Smith/ Bryan Fowler/ Micah Kuiper/ Tasha Smith  
Julie Lane

**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](mailto:financialmanager@unionucc.org)

**DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit Card**  
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**AMAZON SMILE** Donate to Union UCC, Neffs (Search by zip code 18065) while you shop at Amazon. <https://smile.amazon.com>.

### \*BLESSING

① Pottery often has a mark on it by the maker of it. This is the way ancient fragments are often identified as part of a certain period or tradition of pottery-making. We are created by our Potter. When we are broken or lost, God's stamp of love and grace is still – and always - on us.

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**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea      Tune: WOODWORTH

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	\$5,847
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:	120lbs
Total YTD:	6,863 lbs, \$2,345

## SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

**In the Memory of my cousin, Carol L. Thompson**

*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.*