

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost.....NOVEMBER 8, 2020

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Come, be reshaped and recreated by the hands of the Potter.
Come, be your true self, wonderfully made by God. Come, that you may hear the Spirit calling.

***SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

*** OPENING HYMN: #420 Breath on Me, Breath of God**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our Maker; we are the created

People: We are like clay in the potter's hand, ready to be molded according to God's will.

Leader: With God as our potter, we can be sure the Master desires to make of us the best that we can possibly be.

People: May we be receptive to become whatever God designs and wills.

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

O God, our Creator, you have made us from the dust of the earth to be your greatest creation. Mold us according to your will that our lives will reflect your glory; our lips will sing forth your praise' and our hearts will bow in humble devotion. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

#393 Spirit of the Living God

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

We consider ourselves to be the creation of your will, O God, but we know our own will often interferes with what you are trying to do with us. Forgive us for any resistance we manifest to your authority in our lives. Help us to be submissive to your creative love that we may become the people you want us to be In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

#389..... Freely, Freely

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Let us delight on the law of God, and meditate on God's teachings, day and night.

***SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 18:1-6**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"The Potter and the Clay"**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #382 Have Thine Own Way, LordVs. 1, 2 & 4**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

CLOSING HYMN: #431 Let There Be Peace on Earth

***DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18 (NKJV)

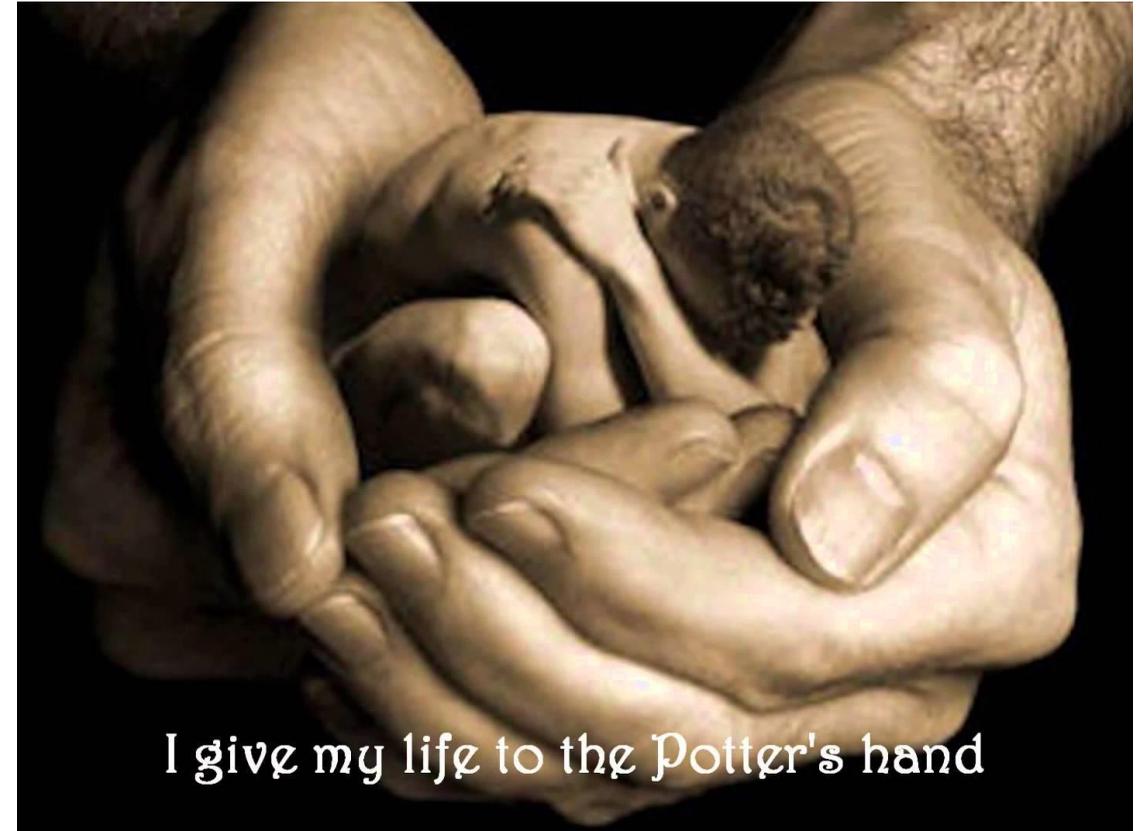
139 O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*. ² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You ^[a] comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *but* behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. ⁵ You have ^[b] hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. ⁶ *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot *attain* it.

¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You ^[a] covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for ^[b] I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and *that* my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My ^[c] frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ *If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

2nd Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NKJV)

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: ² "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." ³ Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the ^[a] wheel. ⁴ And the vessel that he ^[b] made of clay was ^[c] marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the Lord. "Look, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* you in My hand, O house of Israel!"



I give my life to the Potter's hand

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