



“Like clay in the
hand of the
potter, so are you
in my hand...”

Jeremiah 18:6, NIV

September 8, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Court Street United Methodist Church
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PCUSA
Shalom Comunidad de Paz

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity on
the first day of the
week, the day of
Christ's resurrection.*

PRELUDE

Waltz in A Minor ~ Chopin

Valerie Blair, piano

INTROIT

“Jesus, Heal Me”

Melody

Harmony I

Cris - to, sá - na - me. Cris - to, trans -
Je - sus, heal me. Je - sus, trans -

Harmony II

fór - ma - me. Cris - to, re - nué - va - me.
form - me. Je - sus, re - new - me.

Cris - to, quie - ro se - guir te.
Je - sus, I want to fol - low you.

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GREETING

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

ONE: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

MANY: **And also with you.**

In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit, Pentecost 1, 2013*)

Doug: *God of Jews and Samaritans;
God of Mary and Martha;
God who commands sharing;
God who answers the needs of your children.*

Tito: *God of everlasting love;
God of promise;
God of faith;
God of presence.*

*Pam: God of prophets and martyrs;
God of teachers and questioners;
God of hosts and guests;
God of all space and time.*

**MANY: We, your people, gather here out of love for you.
We gather here in the sure and certain hope
that you hear the cries of all,
and your reach is great enough
that no one is ever beyond your knowing and loving.**

*Fred: Come to us as we break bread.
Reunite and strengthen us who are neighbors
to go forth in Christ's name,
offering forgiveness and wholeness
to all people.*

ALL: Amen.

You may be seated.

*God speaks to us in
song,
scripture,
words for children,
and preaching.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL No. 382

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Rev. Fred Krauss

*Nueva Biblia Latinoamericana de
Hoy*

New Revised Standard Version

*God teaches Jeremiah a lesson
at a potter's shop.
Just as a potter is able to destroy
an unacceptable vessel,
starting over to refashion it
into one of value,
so God molds and fashions
God's people, including Israel.*

18 Palabra que vino a Jeremías de parte del Señor: ² "Levántate y descende a la casa del alfarero, y allí te anunciaré Mis palabras." ³ Entonces descendí a la casa del alfarero, y allí estaba él, haciendo un trabajo sobre la rueda[a]. ⁴ Y la vasija de barro que estaba haciendo se echó a perder en la mano del alfarero; así que volvió a hacer de ella otra vasija, según le pareció mejor al alfarero hacerla.

18 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The 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.

⁵ Entonces vino a mí la palabra del Señor: ⁶ "¿Acaso no puedo Yo hacer con ustedes, casa de Israel, lo mismo que hace este alfarero?" declara el Señor. "Tal como el barro en manos del alfarero, así son ustedes en Mi mano, casa de Israel." ⁷ En un momento Yo puedo hablar contra

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ Can 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. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break

una nación o contra un reino, de arrancar, de derribar y de destruir; ⁸ pero si esa nación contra la que he hablado se vuelve de su maldad, me arrepentiré del mal que pensaba traer sobre ella. ⁹ O en otro momento, puedo hablar acerca de una nación o de un reino, de edificar y de plantar; ¹⁰ pero si hace lo malo ante Mis ojos, no obedeciendo Mi voz, entonces me arrepentiré del bien con que había prometido bendecirlo[b].

¹¹ Ahora pues, habla a los hombres de Judá y a los habitantes de Jerusalén, y diles: 'Así dice el Señor: "Estoy preparando una calamidad contra ustedes y tramando un plan contra ustedes. Vuélvanse, pues, cada uno de su mal camino y enmienden[c] sus caminos y sus obras."

ONE: *This is the Word of God for the People of God.*

MANY: **Thanks be to God.**

down and destroy it, ⁸ but 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. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but 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. ¹¹ Now, 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.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

James L. Crow

Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Mr. Jim; younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.

THE FAITH WE SING No. 2151

"Change My Heart, O God"

In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise:

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27-36

Pastor Tito Cevallos

*Jesus teaches the multitudes
what is necessary
for the kingdom of God
to present: Jesus' followers
must love their enemies,
pray for them,
and do good
to those who hate them.
In so doing,
they will turn the world
upside down.*

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²⁷ "Pero a ustedes los que oyen, les digo: amen a sus enemigos; hagan bien a los que los aborrecen; ²⁸ bendigan a los que los maldicen; oren por los que los insultan. ²⁹ Al que te hiera en la mejilla, preséntale también la otra; y al que te quite la capa[a], no le niegues tampoco la túnica. ³⁰ A todo el que te pida, dale, y al que te quite lo que es tuyo, no

New Revised Standard Version

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as



se lo reclames.

³¹ Y así como quieran que los hombres les hagan a ustedes, hagan con ellos de la misma manera. ³² Si aman a los que los aman, ¿qué mérito tienen? Porque también los pecadores aman a los que los aman. ³³ Si hacen bien a los que les hacen bien, ¿qué mérito tienen? Porque también los pecadores hacen lo mismo. ³⁴ Si prestan a aquéllos de quienes esperan recibir, ¿qué mérito tienen? También los pecadores prestan a los pecadores para recibir de ellos la misma cantidad.

³⁵ Antes bien, amen a sus enemigos, y hagan bien, y presten no esperando nada a cambio[b], y su recompensa será grande, y serán hijos del Altísimo; porque El es bondadoso para con los ingratos y perversos. ³⁶ Sean ustedes misericordiosos, así como su Padre es misericordioso.

ONE: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MANY: Glory to you, O Lord.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS

Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

One: Potter God, continually shape and mold us so that we may be your servants in this hurting world.

Many: Shape the church to be your gracious, merciful, and righteous presence among all people.

One: Creator God, safeguard your creation with ample rain and an abundant harvest.

Many: Give us a passion for the well-being of the environment and the just distribution of all its resources.

One: Just God, uphold the oppressed, liberate those in bondage, and strengthen those who labor under the yoke of repressive government.

Many: Give us the courage, the commitment, and the voice to work for justice and peace.

One: Compassionate God, rescue all in harm's way, sustain the poor and hungry, heal those who are ill or afflicted.

you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Many: Free us to be your hands of love and caring in this hurting world.

One: God of hope, make miracles occur in our city of Rockford and enable us to be agents of that change.

Many: Help us work together so that the hungry have food, the sick have health care, the children are safe, the unemployed have work, the destitute have homes and those living in shadow find themselves standing in the sun.

One: God of community, continue to be our guide as we work together to bring health and well-being to our beloved Jeremiah neighborhood.

Many: Give us passion and energy, wisdom and clarity of purpose, compassion and humility, and a fearless resolution. To you, potter God, who shapes us into instruments of your love, we pray. Amen.

SHARE CHRIST'S PEACE

*With handshakes, hugs, or other greetings,
the people may exchange signs of Christ's peace.*

*The undesignated offering today will go to support the work of Jeremiah Development within our neighborhood: "Seek the well-being of the city...for in its well-being you will find your well-being."
(Jeremiah 27:9)*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

As a people blessed, we are called to be a blessing to others.

As a people who are loved extravagantly,
we are called to love without restraint.

As a people who have received in abundance,
we are called to share generously.

With grateful and generous hearts let us now share our gifts
for the healing of our world.

GATHERING THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Potter's Hand", arr. Tom Fettke

In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS -

THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL No. 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS

Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

MANY: For the abundance of gifts that are ours, we give you thanks. For the chance to send them out to better the lives of our neighbors, we give you thanks. For the mystery of how all of our gifts of time, love, passion, effort and treasure, make a difference to you and to your creation, we say, "Thanks be to God." Amen.

*In reverence, those who are able may remain standing for the prayer,
while others are welcome to be seated.*

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ.*

An Open Table!

*All of us are guests at this table,
with Jesus himself as our host.
We have not earned a place,
but rather we are invited
out of God's amazing grace.
For that reason, this feast is open
to **all** --including children--
who wish to know the presence
of Christ and share
in the community
of God's people.
This is the joyful feast
of **all** the people of God!*

WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE FEAST

This is the table, of the Lord.
It is to be made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.
So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come.
Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will
that you who want Christ should meet him here.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

MANY: We lift them to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
as we shout with joy:

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Please be seated.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,

you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intended for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat; this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**MANY: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

MANY: Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

And now, with the confidence of children,
let us pray as Christ has taught us:

**MANY: 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.**



DIRECTIONS FOR
COMMUNION

We will be receiving
the elements by intinction
today.

All bread is gluten-free.
All the chalices
contain grape juice.

Please take a piece of bread
from the basket and dip it into
the cup. You may partake as
you receive the elements,
or partake when you are seated
again, as you prefer.

For those on the ground level
please come forward at the di-
rection of the ushers. For those
in the balcony, please proceed
to the station nearest you
at the top of the stairs.

As the server says,
“The body of Christ,” and
“The blood of Christ,”
you may choose to respond
with words such as, “Amen,”
“Alleluia,” “Thanks be to God,”
or “Praise to you, O Christ.”

*God blesses and sends us
in mission to the world.*

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass 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.**

ONE: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**MANY: We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Pastor Tito Cevallos & Paul Laprade

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Loving God, we give thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S GRACE

BLESSING

The Wisdom of God,
the Love of God,
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.
MANY: Amen.

In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

THE FAITH WE SING No. 2237

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

SENDING

Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

O God, the king of righteousness, lead us, we pray, in the ways of
justice and of peace; inspire us to break down all oppression and
wrong, to gain for everyone their due reward, and from everyone
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odist, Emanuel Episcopal, and Shalom United Church of Christ
their due service; that each may live in our Jeremiah Community

for all and all may care for each, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*--William Temple (1881-1944),
Archbishop of Canterbury and president of Worker's Educational Association
(Adapted)*



CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be in My Head"

POSTLUDE Toccata in E Minor ~ Pachelbel *Valerie Blair, organ*

**All are invited to remain for refreshments and conversation
in the down stairs dining room.**

WORSHIP LEADERS
SERVING TODAY

Court Street United Methodist Church

The Rev. Calvin Culpepper	Pastor
Julia Schade	Music Director
James L. Crow	Christian Education Director

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand	Rector
Doug Rogers	Deacon
Wayne Hatwich	Music Director
Trish Rooney	Assistant Music Director

Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PCUSA

The Rev. Fred Krauss	Assisting Pastor
Paul Laprade	Music Director
Valerie Blair	Pianist, Organist

Shalom Comunidad de Paz

Tito Cevallos	Pastor
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Leah Zahn, violin
Sam Campbell, drums

Many thanks to all whose efforts went into planning and setting up
for today's service. You know who you are. Thank you!



WELCOME!

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of all four congregations worshiping together today, welcome! Whichever congregation you are from—Court Street United Methodist Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PCUSA, or Shalom Comunidad de Paz — or if you are not from any of these, we share a common Lord, a common faith, and a common neighborhood, so it is good to be together.

Bringing our different traditions together is a fun and interesting challenge. We all do things a little differently, so this service is an attempt to bring things together in a meaningful way. We hope everyone can find a way to connect with God, offering our praise and thanks, hearing God's word, and praying and celebrating together.

