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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Andante Cantabile

Tchaikovsky

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Leicester Cathedral

Pick up a lump of clay and mold it in your hands.

Think about the creation of the world—the touch of God’s hands on the very substance of the universe.

As you change the appearance of the clay with the touch of your hands, think how the world you live in has touched and changed you...

Think of how your hands have touched other people – in love, in anger, in sorrow and in joy...

Think of the things and people who have touched your life and molded you into the person you are today...

“Yet, O LORD, you are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter;

we are all the work of your hand.” (Isaiah 64:8)

* Opening Prayer

Martin Luther

Look, Lord, on an empty vessel that needs to be filled. In faith I am weak—strengthen me. In love I am cold—warm me and make me fervent so that my love may go out to my neighbor. I doubt and am unable to trust you completely. Lord, strengthen my faith and trust in you. You are all the treasure I possess. I am poor, you are rich, and you came to have mercy on the poor. I am a sinner, you are goodness. From you I can receive goodness, but I can give you nothing. Therefore I shall stay with you. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

I sing the mighty power of God

#46

I sing the mighty pow’r of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad

and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne.
While all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
there's not a place where we can flee
but God is present there.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod of
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

One: God, we are reminded of Your grace-filled
and creative hands on us—and how Your
hands work through our hands in our world.

Many: **You are the potter; we are the clay.**

One: Hands on: God's hands on the universe,
God's hands on us, molding, creating

Many: **You are the potter; we are the clay.**

One: Hands on: God's hands on the universe,
 God's hands on us, sheltering, healing,
 holding, blessing

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay.

One: Hands on: our hands molding, creating,
 playing, and still

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay.

One: Hands on: our hands keyboarding, drawing,
 writing, painting, and still

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay.

One: Hands on: our hands, praying, blessing,
 healing, receiving, and still

Many: You are the potter; we are the clay.

One: Hands on: God's hands on the universe,
 working with our hands on a day to day basis
 in our world. And always...

**All: You are the potter; we are the clay.
 Amen.**

Song

Change my heart, O God

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Change my heart, O God;
 make it ever true.

Change my heart oh God
 may I be like you.

You are the potter;
 I am the clay.

Mold me and make me;
 This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God;
 make it ever true.

Change my heart oh God
 may I be like you.

"Change my heart, O God" by Eddie Espinosa

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WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

O. S. Hawkins, Baptist pastor

The principal hindrance to the advancement of the kingdom of God is greed. It seems that when the back of greed is broken, the human spirit soars into regions of unselfishness. I believe that it is safe to say there can be no continuous revival without 'hilarious' giving. And I fear no contradiction: wherever there is 'hilarious' giving there will soon be revival.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

Pastorale

Craig

"Pastorale" by Eve Meyler Craig

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Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NLT)

The Lord gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, "Go down to the potter's shop, and I will speak to you there." So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.

Then the Lord gave me this message: "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned. And if I announce that I will plant and build up a certain nation or kingdom, but then that nation turns to evil and refuses to obey me, I will not bless it as I said I would.

"Therefore, Jeremiah, go and warn all Judah and Jerusalem. Say to them, 'This is what the Lord says: I am planning

disaster for you instead of good. So turn from your evil ways, each of you, and do what is right.”

Sermon “The Politically Incorrect Jeremiah:
Part 2 – The Potter and the Clay”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*** Closing Hymn** *Have thine own way* (vv. 1 & 3) #504

Have Thine own way Lord
Have Thine own way
Thou art the potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting yielded and still

Have Thine own way Lord
Have Thine own way
Hold over my being absolute sway
Filled with Thy spirit till all can see
Christ only always living in me

*** Benediction**

First Christian Church of Decatur, IL

One: We came to this sacred space to celebrate and affirm that the Lord is like a potter, making and reshaping us into God’s image to be and share the Good News.

All: **Lord, send us out into your world as your change agents to help mold and remake the human condition, with your grace and your help. Let it be so in this age and forever more. Amen!**

Postlude

On Jordon's Stormy Banks

McIntosh/O’Kane

** Please stand as able and led*



Ministers..... All Members

- Pastor..... David Whitten
- Worship Leader Ann Andrus
- Song Leader.....
- Children’s Time..... Terrie Glass
- Special Music..... Sarah Beers & Bob Phillips
- Flautist Sarah Beers
- Guitarist David Whitten
- Pianist..... Bob Phillips
- Dir. of Technology & Media..... Kevin Beers

