

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY,
September 6, 2020 – 10:00 AM**

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

PRAISE

Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God, you created all things and said that they were good.

People: Shape us, O God, and make us new.

Leader: You created us in your image, and said that we were good, too.

People: Shape us, O God, and make us new.

Leader: Even when we do not turn out the way you want, you do not throw us away.

People: Shape us, O God, and make us new.

Leader: Remake us, God, into people who reflect your goodness in all we do.

People: Shape us, O God, and make us new.

Prayer of Confession

God, you call us to honesty about who we are and all that we do. In these moments, make us honest with ourselves. We remember now those things we have done or left undone that

have hurt others, that have caused suffering and pain to our world, that have betrayed our love for ourselves.

(Pause for silent reflection.)

Give us now the courage and the wisdom to do things differently, to change our behavior so that in asking for forgiveness we might lead forgiven lives. In the spirit of Jesus Christ who befriended and loved all sinners, we now pray. Amen.

Hymn: *In the Midst of New Directions*, verses 1-4 (#391)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Hebrew Scripture Readings

1. Jeremiah 18.1-6

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.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The 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. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can 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.

2. Psalm 139.1-6; 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

Message

Pastor Don Francois

“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As the pastor prays the words of consecration, you are invited to hold the elements in your hands. Together we will receive first the bread and then the cup. All who profess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive. You may also choose not to receive if that is your preference.)

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (#403)

Benediction

Postlude

391. In the Midst of New Dimensions

Words and Music by Julian Rush (1985)

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? [Refrain]
3. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams [Refrain]
4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. [Refrain]

403. My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness; I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]
3. Christ's oath and covenant and blood support me in the rising flood; When all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]
4. When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Love be found, Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]