



*"Potter's Hands, Aari Tribe, Ethiopia" by Rod Waddington*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*Clay work is messy, as those who have tried their hand at the potter's wheel know. We clay-footed bearers of the divine image can expect to get our hands dirty, run some risks, and—on occasion—face failure as we respond to the Potter's hand and bear witness to God's redemptive aims in the world.*  
—Sally A. Brown

Gathering Music

"Love Medley"  
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"In God, My Faithful God"  
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\* Call to Worship

Rev. Melissa Murrell  
Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit or where can I flee from your presence?

**People: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there  
your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 298)

"God is Here!"  
ABBOT'S LEIGH

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.*

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 268)

"The Bond of Love"  
SKILLINGS

**We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love.**

**We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God; we are one in the bond of love.**

\* Gospel Reading

Matthew 21.28-32

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Children's Sermon

### SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

#### Hearing our Joys and Concerns

#### Unison Discipline of Confession

**Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted, re-center and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.**

#### Discipline of Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new. Sisters and brothers and siblings in Christ, in the name of Jesus I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn.*

#### Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

#### Sentences of Stewardship

#### Offertory

**"Consolation"**

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#### \* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

### PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

#### Old Testament Reading

**Rev. Matthew Sturtevant**  
Jeremiah 18.1-11

#### Sermon

**Rev. Matthew Sturtevant**  
"Mold Me and Make Me"

### CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

#### Call to Communion

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**  
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#### Invitation to the Table

#### Celebration of the Bread and Cup

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*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

\* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 493)

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"  
ADELAIDE

Life of the Church

Litany of Leaving for Ann Havenor

Leader: God's blessing upon you, Ann, for you have been with us.  
We have been with you. We have been one in God's spirit.  
As you have shared yourself with us, we send you forth daring you to share again.  
As you have loved and been loved, we send you forth to love again.  
As you have served us and we you, we send you forth willing to serve and be served.

People: **Go in grace – God's grace has supported you here; it will support you there.**  
**Go in peace – the peace Christ left, not that of the world.**  
**Go in love – God loves you, we love you.**

Benediction & Postlude

"Celebration"

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by the memorial funds of  
Miss Julia Willard & Mrs. Katherine Eddy  
TODAY IN WORSHIP*

*Liturgist: Joanna Gillette Cantor & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson  
Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen Vocal duet: Mark & Stephanie Robinson  
Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Matthew Johnston Sound: Brandon Gillette  
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Melisa Lord  
REMEMBER IN PRAYER*

*Local Church: First Christian Church  
American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Min. Rev. Gregg Hemmen, serving churches in Kansas  
International Ministries Missionary: Paul Rollet, serving in the Philippines  
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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.  
The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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