

Sow Good News



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

Go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. (Jeremiah 18:2)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024



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*God, I am done with broken systems that break the very people they are meant to serve.
...Oh God, how blessed are we who cry out to you: Empower us to see and name what is
broken, what is ours to restore. ~ Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie*

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Jeremiah 18:2)*

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and there I will let you hear my words.

***GATHERING** **CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD** **GTG #695**
by Eddie Espinosa

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 107)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good:
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those redeemed from trouble:
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some wandered in the desert, hungry and thirsty:
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble.

Some sat in darkness and in gloom,
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble.

Gather from the east and the west, from the north, and the south:
God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good:
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN** **CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION** **GTG #394**
Latin, 7th Century WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CHILDREN OF GOD

THE BAPTISMAL FONT *(Jeremiah 19)*

One: Let us send our kids with God's love:

All: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory and righteousness, we confess that we do not live as citizens of your realm. We give allegiance to worldly thrones. We ignore the neediest in our midst. We discount our own worth. We forsake your just rule and the rules of your kingdom. Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed, lust for power and false pride. Give us instead the spirit of compassion, generosity, humility and love. In all things grant us time for amendment of life that we may serve you all the length of our days. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

*RESPONSE

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #603

Trad. liturgical text

AGNUS DEI (Vasile)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Jeremiah 18:6*)

Thus, says the Lord: Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so you are in my hand. **In the potter's hands we are reformed. Thanks be to God.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

~ *LISTENING TO THE WORD* ~

SACRED ENCOUNTERS

BETH POLANSKY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

CEB

Come down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.
For faith comes by listening.

HYMN

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

GTG #418

by Will L. Thompson

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 2:13-25

CEB

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SERMON

SPOILED IN THE POTTER'S HANDS

