



Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope



First Church in Windsor, UCC
September 27, 10 a.m.

God the Artist Sunday, Part II

Prelude

Menuet by Jean Philippe Rameau

Welcome

Introit

We Are God's Work of Art

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**We are God's work of art, fashioned in Christ,
fashioned to shine with goodness and light.
As it was from the start, formed by this great, great love,
we are God's great, wondrous work of art.**

Call to Worship

One: Lord, you are like water to parched clay.

Two: **You nourish our souls and give us strength to change and grow.**

One: We are shaped in the kiln of your creation, tested, and sometimes cracked.

Two: **But we know that no brokenness of ours is too far gone for your healing.**

One: Pour out your Spirit on us, your healing presence, as we come to love our cracks and imperfections.

Two: **And with a dash of new light, may we find the joy in our unique life.**

One: God tells us, "You are made in My image, and you are beautiful."

Two: **Let that recognition help us to see the beauty in all those around us.**

Hymn

Many and Great, O God

Native American melody (Dakota)

**Many and great, O God, are your works,
Maker of earth and sky;
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.**

**Grant unto us communion with you,
O star abiding One;
Come unto us and dwell with us:
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.**

Prayer of Invocation

Creator God, we come to know you more deeply by knowing ourselves. The imprints of you are on our very soul. You have shaped us, formed us, as closely as a potter does their clay. With each unique detail, you have lovingly molded us into vessels of love and justice. We pray this morning that we might live into the ways that you have made us, Lord. Help us to remember that we are not yet our finished product. We may feel a little rough around the edges, but we can still grow, for you never stop working on us. We may feel at times as if we are being thrown on a potter's wheel, out of control and incomplete, but we put our trust in you, Lord, that you might make a way for us and for the world. Amen.

Prayer of Our Savior

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Moment

Scripture

Isaiah 45:5-10: 5, Isaiah 64: 8

I am God, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I am you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am God, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I, God, do all these things. ⁸ Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I, God, have created it. ⁹ Woe to you who strive with your Maker, earthen vessels with the potter! Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, "What are you making?" or "Your work has no handles"? ¹⁰ Woe to anyone who says to a father, "What are you begetting?" or to a woman, "With what are you in labor?"; Yet, O God, you are our Maker; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Video Meditation

Laurel Pepin

Sermon

Pastor Peter

"Works in Progress"

Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Words by Adelaide Pollard

Music by George C. Stebbins

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**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!
Search me and try me, Savior today!**

**Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Response

Change My Heart

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**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O 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, O God, may I be like you.**

Announcements

Benediction

Benediction Response

We Are Called

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**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!**

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!**

Postlude

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