

Strawbridge UMC

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sept 4, 2022 (8:30am)

Centering Words – (Jeremiah 1:1- 12, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)

Jeremiah and Psalm 139 communicate how intimately God knows our individual and communal lives. Just as a potter will rework a misshapen pot, so too will God destroy Israel (the church) and fashion her anew if the people do not repent. To live in righteousness and exhume spiritual power, we advocate a spiritual formation of our inward part, the heart!

Call to Worship:

God is the potter; we are the clay.

Rest in gratitude on the Potter's wheel.

We are being shaped according to God's purposes.

We are being molded into vessels of great beauty and infinite worth.

Let each one examine her own heart, that righteousness might prevail.

Lord change our hearts for You, even in the midst of worship.

Morning Prayer—

Voices of Inspiration Selections:

- ***Give Your Best to the Master*** (#469 Total Praise)

- ***God's Grace***

Notices/Prayer

Communion Hymn: **We Remember You** #667

HOLY COMMUNION

Selection: ***Abundantly Blessed***

Scripture: *Jeremiah 18:1-12*

Message Theme: **The Heart of the Matter**

Closing Selection: ***I'd Rather Have Jesus*** #406

Benediction:

Go forth with boldness. Go as people of the Almighty and mighty people of the Son. Go knowing the truth has to resonate in the inward place; what is true in our minds and on our lips has to be true in our hearts! **Amen.**