

Living Water Fellowship

11th Sunday in Pentecost

4TH AUGUST 2024

COME TO JESUS

SONGS:

*Holy Spirit you are Welcome Here
O Breath of Life*

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING:

Jeremiah 18:1-12

¹The Lord gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, ²“Go down to the potter’s shop, & I will speak to you there.” ³So I did as he told me & found the potter working at his wheel. ⁴But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.

⁵Then the Lord gave me this message: ⁶“O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand. ⁷If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, & destroyed, ⁸but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned. ⁹And if I announce that I will plant & build up a certain nation or kingdom, ¹⁰but then that nation turns to evil & refuses to obey me, I will not bless it as I said I would.

¹¹“Therefore, Jeremiah, go & warn all Judah & Jerusalem. Say to them, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am planning disaster for you instead of good. So turn from your evil ways, each of you, and do what is right.’” ¹²But the people replied, “Don’t waste your breath. We will continue to live as we want to, stubbornly following our own evil desires.”

CHILDREN’S TIME:

SONG:

No Other Name

FAITH CHAT:

1. Have you ever started a “project” & had to stop & start over from scratch? What does that feel like?
2. If God were to reshape part of your life...What might it be?

THE MESSAGE:

FULLY ENGAGED: IN GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY

OFFERING SONG:

Potter’s Hand (P&W 857)

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: All I Need

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
May God's love remake you in Christ's likeness.
-- Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG:

Let Your Kingdom Come

SHOW HIS LOVE

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Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Jeremiah 18:1-12. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging?
2. Describe Jeremiah's experience at the potter's house? Why does this experience in real life (not a heavenly vision) fit what God is doing with his people?
3. How does the character of the clay lead to the nature or quality of the vessel into which it is formed?
4. Read God's question to his people in verse 6. What are possible responses people might give to this question? Why would some be inclined to respond with "no"? Does answering "no" change the fact that everyone is still in the hands of the Master Potter?
5. Read again verses 5-10. How does our response to God's word to us & his purposes for us effect his on-going engagement in our lives?
6. How are our lives (for good or bad) a testimony to our relationship with God? If God was punishing his rebellious people, what might be more preferable: God to forget they were his & stop punishing them? OR God to rescue them for His Name's sake? Why?
7. How can the consequences faced by Israel for ignoring God's call to repentance serve as a warning for modern society? How can we encourage others to respond to God's call for repentance & reshaping in our communities?
8. In a society that places high value on independence & self-definition, how can we cultivate a spirit of surrender, recognizing that we are the clay & God is the potter?
9. Jeremiah reminds us God is in control of all nations, people, & time. How do we live reasonably & responsibly knowing that all final outcomes are in God's hands?
10. What is one thing you believe God is shaping anew in you? How can you share & celebrate that newness with others this week?
11. What does this text call you to do?

Remember:

Christ's hands are always around you to re-centre and reshape your life according to God's purpose

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***