

With this confession, we remember
You are the Potter, we are the clay.

O Steady One,
why did we think that we could be in charge and it would turn out right?
We come longing for a change in our heart, for healing,
for new opportunities to get the order of things right.
With this confession, we remember that the right order is that...
You are the Potter, we are the clay.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying:
"I will write my law on your hearts;
I will forgive your wrongdoing
and remember your sins no more."

Sisters and Brothers,
your sins are forgiven;
be at peace.

***Passing the Peace of Christ—**

Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.

***Praise and Worship**

"Gloria Patri"

GTG#245

A Time for Young Disciples

Joyce Perez

Offering Prayer:

Offertory

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

(debt/debtor)

Scripture:

II Cor. 4:7-10 and Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon

"A Reluctant Mouthpiece"

***Hymn**

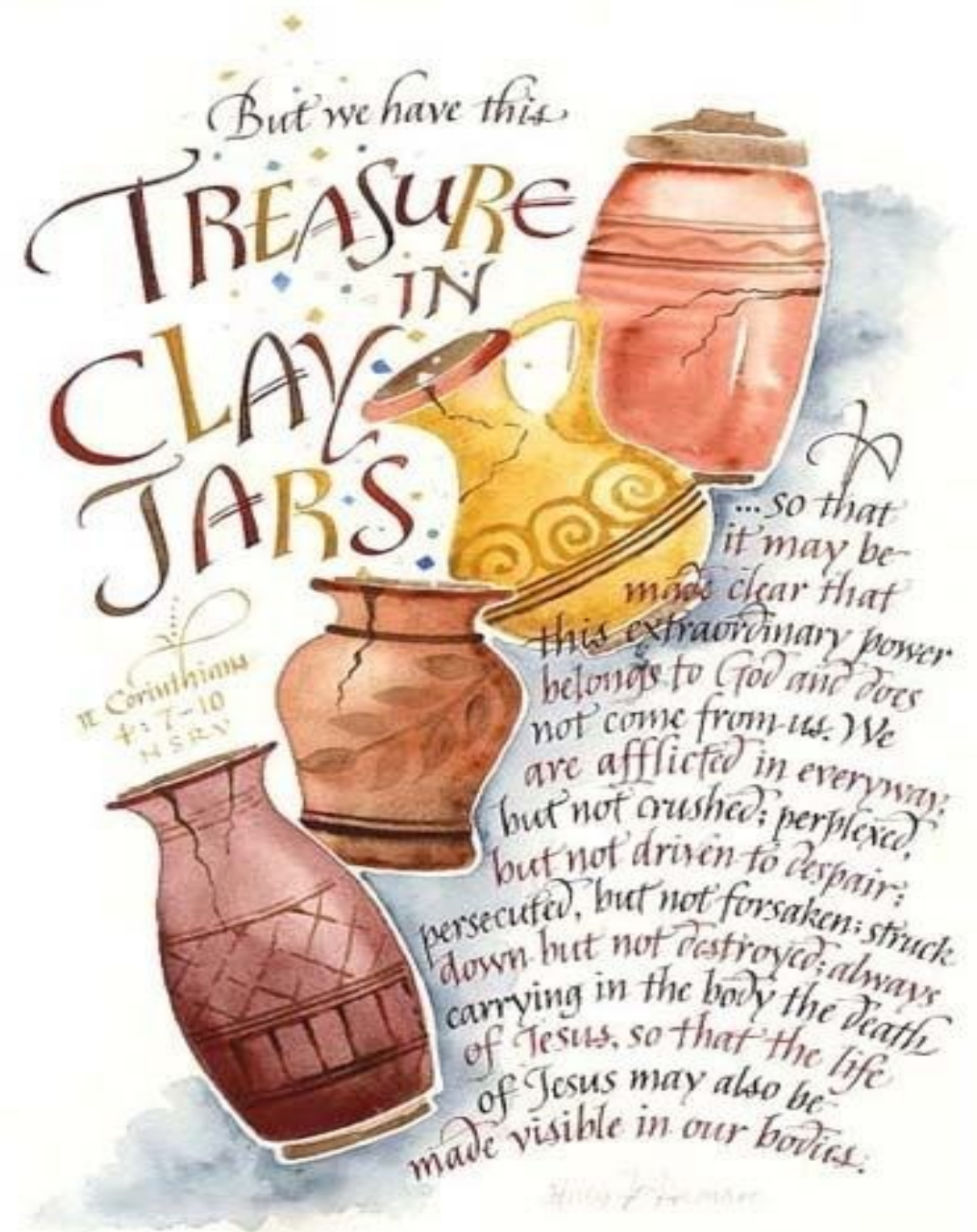
"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

GTG#722

Postlude

"Toccata in G"

D. Eliot



First Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2022

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

***Please stand as you are able.**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship *“Lord, Let My Heart Be Quiet”*

Invocation

Eternal God, we gather to give you praise and thanksgiving for the wondrous gift of Jesus the Christ - who proved the fullness of your love in his walk among us. Receive the worship we bring as an expression of our love for you and touch our hearts that we may grow in love towards one another. Spur us on with your Word and your Spirit, and help us to abide in you as you abide in us - we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Call to Worship

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

I do not know how to speak.

I am only a child.

“Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’

You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you.”

The Lord calls me.

The Lord touches me.

“Now, I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms

to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Lord, you have called me.

Lord you have touched me.

Lord, grant me the vision to live out Your calling. Amen.

~ Based on Jeremiah 1:4-10; adapted by J. Thurman.

*Hymn

“God Is Calling Through the Whisper”

GTG#410

Call to Confession

God, You are the Potter and we are the clay.

But we are aware that today, and yesterday, and the day before that, we have lived as though it's only about us.

We have lived as though we are the potters, not the clay.

O Steady One, hear now our thoughts, our regrets, our confessions for the times when we have acted selfishly, as though only what we want, matters.

With this confession, we remember

You are the Potter, we are the clay.

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Steady One, sometimes when we charge ahead without thinking about how our words and actions will impact others, things turn out wrong or ugly.

We think of broken relationships with family members, with friends, even within the church.

Hear our thoughts and our regrets for the times today and yesterday when things have turned out wrong or kind of ugly.

Silent prayers of confession

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You are the Potter, we are the clay.

O Steady One,

forgive us when we act with disregard for all that you have created.

Forgive us for over-consuming,

for looking for the next new thing

and throwing away what is still perfectly good.

Forgive us for the ways we pollute and exploit your good earth.

Forgive us for oil spills and land mines

and many other things we do that destroy and maim your creation.

Hear our thoughts and our regrets

for the ways that we have taken your creation for granted.

Silent prayers of confession

Communion

Invitation to Communion

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast,
let us prepare our hearts anew
to be in communion with one another
and with the risen Christ.

**We come, ready to partake of bread and cup;
ready to commune with one another
and with the living God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we give thanks that through Christ,
we live in your favor.

**We give thanks that through Christ,
we come to the table of grace
partaking heavenly food
and the gift of salvation.**

Like the great company of witnesses
who came to this table before us,
we are filled with gratitude and joy
for your many blessings.

**We come before you
in praise and thanksgiving,
as we commit ourselves again
as members of the living body of Christ.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE:

All we welcome who seek to know the Lord and walk in The Way. You should come down the center aisle (maintaining space between participants), receive and partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the side aisles. You may dispose of your cup in the baskets located near the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" GTG#510

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion –
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and risen life that never ends.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

BENEDICTION

Go forth from this place with your eyes wide open
as you journey into the wider world.
Love God and see Christ in each person you meet.
Give thanks always
and do not withhold love from any,
for we do not know who may yet turn to the light.

*The flowers are given in memory of Wanda Perez and
in honor of Pat Argyrakís
by the Perez children.*

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Interim Organist
C. B. Strange	Sound
Randy Brooks	Liturgist
Joyce Perez	Time for Young Disciples
Barbara Wilkins	Security, side door & offering
David Swann	Greeter
Leigh Blount & Brenna Takata	Sunday School
David Clark & Joyce Perez	Communion

Announcements

There will be a **congregational meeting** immediately following worship on Sunday, May 1, 2022 about the sale of the property at 903 Main Street.

Our beloved Vickie Holman is leaving us and we want to wish her well. Please join us for a reception in her honor after the congregational meeting on May 1 in Overbey Hall.

Evening Circle will meet Monday May 2nd at the home of Harriet Beale.

Session will meet Tuesday May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Endowment Committee will meet Wednesday May 11th at 12:30 at the church.

Day Circle will meet Monday May 16th at 12:30p.m. at the church.

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church.

Our office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

We can be found on the web at www.fpcdanville.com or on Facebook.

Please call us at 434-792-7822