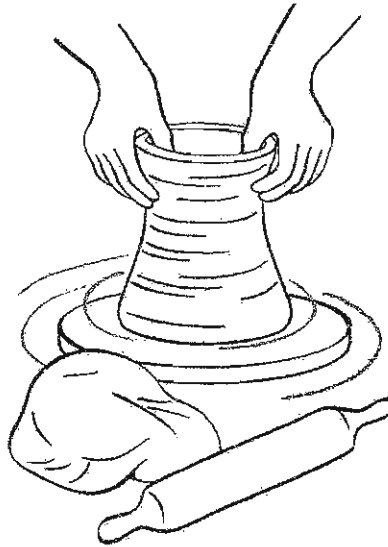


# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship at 9:30 AM

Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

## VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community  
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world  
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

September 8, 2019  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

**GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT**

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Prelude in F*

Powell

OPENING PRAYER

**All: Lord, teach us that you have carefully thrown us into the right spot for our imperfections to be smoothed out as we spin and as, by the tender, loving pressures of Your hands, You are holding and molding us to become your beautiful creation and the fire that lies ahead will only enhance our beauty. We will make You a proud loving Father, we will obey Your will and plans for us as You reveal them day by day and we declare that one day as YOU mold us, we would be exactly who YOU want us to be...a REFLECTION OF CHRIST. In JESUS' mighty name we pray, Amen!**

by Chryce Rampersad

\*SINGING

*This Is the Day of New Beginnings*

No. 383

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD**

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we**

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PREPARING TO PRAY

*Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*

FWS No. 2119

**All: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace; where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love. There is comfort in life's darkest hour; there is light and life, there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

CHOIR RESPONSE

*My Life Flows On*

Lowry

### OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:2-6

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MESSAGE

Be the Clay

Katherine Mitchell

\*SINGING

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

No. 384

*During the hymn communion will be offered by intinction to all those who wish to participate. Please follow the Worship Team leaders.*

\* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Italian Hymn"*

arr. Broughton

**CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE:** Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know? Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

Pastor Katherine can always be reached by e-mail ([pastorkatherinem@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkatherinem@gmail.com)) or on her cell phone (401.683.8445).

## Cost

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Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

—Luke 14.26

It's probably not your mother and father.  
It's probably someone else, or maybe everybody,  
in front of whom you don't want to look stupid.  
You don't have to hate them,  
but you have to be willing for them to hate you  
for your politics or your trans friends or your anti-racist work,  
or your letter to the editor or your allegiance to bees.  
You have to be willing for them to think you're alien  
for taking your faith so seriously,  
for declaring a hope that looks silly,  
for standing in a vulnerable place for justice,  
for sticking to the discipline that gives your life frame and strength.  
And, let's face it, sometimes  
you have to care more about praying than you do about your friends,  
or you would never pray.

You don't have to lose your care for life,  
but you do have to lose your attachment the life you engineer  
instead of the life you're given.

There's some major letting go to be done.  
Count the cost.  
Don't leave anything out.

Then count the cost of giving up.

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If you would like to help the people of the Bahamas after the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian, please give to UMCOR's International Disaster Response and Recovery Fund (982450).  
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