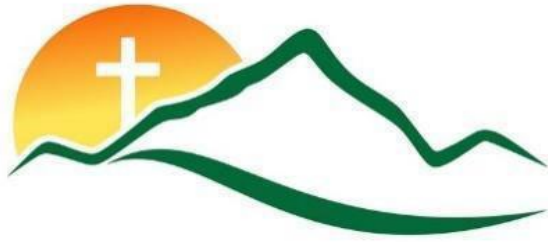


# Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ



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GATHERING MUSIC

*Dr. Lynell Kruckeberg*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Blessing of Animals, next Sunday, 11:30 - 12:30
- Tuesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Cleanup day at Church
- Also Tuesday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, changing code on door locks

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*) *Isaiah 64:8*

*Judith Gregory*

One: Yet, O LORD, you are our Father.

**Many: We are the clay,**

One: you are the potter;

**Many: we are all the work of your hand.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

*Judith Gregory*

**Prepare the materials that make me, the soil I come from.**

**Imbue my relationships, my activities, my alone time, and my job with nutrients perfect for the vessel you are making me into.**

**Soften my heart, soften my will, soften my body, so that I am moveable like clay in your hands.**

**Give me the strength to be open to your artistic vision.**

**God, let me know you as the potter and myself as the clay.**

**Help me trust the slow process and know that the final process will be perfect, unrepeatable, and unique—as is your plan for me.**

\*OPENING HYMN “O God, as with a Potter’s Hand”

NCH # 550

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children are invited to Sunday School, led by Christian Education Coordinator Zina General*

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

*Judith Gregory*

<sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’s sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

<sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, <sup>9</sup> persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, <sup>10</sup> always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

<sup>11</sup> For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus’s sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us but life in you.

One: The Word of God for the People of God. **All: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

“I Am of Clay”

Dr. Lori Byron

HYMN

“Have Thine Own Way”

Attached

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*using the words trespasses/tresspass*)

### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

NCH # 778, TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*responsive*)

One: Make us vessels for the display of your glory.

**Many: Do this today and each day in our lives,**

One: We pray these things so we might be more conformed into the image of Jesus.

**Many: Form us more and more like Jesus, we pray in his name.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN

"Take My Life"

NCH # 448

\*BENEDICTION

Look, Lord, on an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

In faith I am weak—strengthen me.

In love I am cold—warm me and make me fervent  
so that my love may go out to my neighbor.

I doubt and am unable to trust you completely.

Lord, strengthen my faith and trust in you.

You are all the treasure I possess.

I am poor, you are rich,

and you came to have mercy on the poor.

I am a sinner, you are goodness.

From you I can receive goodness,  
but I can give you nothing.

Therefore I shall stay with you.

\*SENDING SONG

"Peace"

Songsheet, v. 1

*Please join us downstairs for fellowship hosted by JoAnn Eder & Gail Stafford.*

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We are an Open and Affirming Church.

Transitional Pastor Teresa Clark is available for **pastoral care** emergencies and visits. Please contact her by calling or texting **406-717-9745** or by emailing [rlccminister@gmail.com](mailto:rlccminister@gmail.com).

Deacons serving today are Audrey Clark and Kiyoko Carlson.

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Opening prayer by Marissa Vonesh. Prayer of Dedication by David Platt.

# Have Thine Own Way, Lord! 588

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 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.  
 Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!  
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!  
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,  
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
 Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!  
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902  
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1907

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