

**The Kirk**  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018**  
**Minister: Rev. Debra Baker**  
**Music Director and Organist: Amy Anderson**  
**THE KIRK - SPRING SERVICE**  
**June 3, 2018**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Rev. Debra J. Baker**  
**Organist & Choir Director: Amy Anderson**

*God,  
the Potter*



*We,  
the Clay*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

*Welcome*

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*



**Hymn**      *"It Is No Secret"*

The chimes of time ring out the news; another day is through.  
Someone slipped and fell. Was that someone you?  
You may have longed for added strength, your courage to renew.  
Do not be disheartened, for I bring hope to you.

His word shall not fail you – he promised;  
Believe him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! **R**

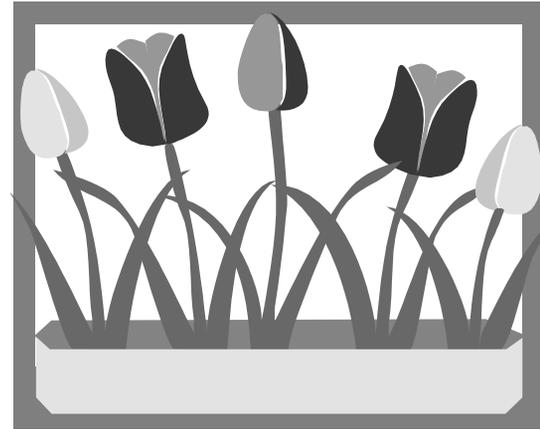
**Commissioning & Benediction**

God, the Divine Potter, calls us to be co-potters.

**Under the guiding hands of our Potter God, we go forth to  
reshape our world with integrity and hopefulness.**

Go with the Potter's blessing. Amen.

**Postlude** (Adapted from liturgy by Diane Robinson, *Gathering*, S/A 2010, p. 67-68. Used with permission.)



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are greatly appreciated.*



**The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of**

**Lorna Cluff by Blair and Angela Young and family.**

**Hymn** “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret – help me bear,  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience: still with Thee  
In closer dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future’s broadening way,  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There’s light for a look at the Saviour,  
And life more abundant and free!

**Refrain**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting  
He passed and we follow him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion –



For more than conquerors we are! **R**

**Refrain**

It is no secret what God can do. What he’s done for others,  
He’ll do for you. With arms wide open, he’ll pardon you,  
It is no secret what God can do.

There is no night, for in his light you’ll never walk alone.  
Always feel at home wherever you may roam.  
There is no power can conquer you, while God is on your side.  
Just take him at his promise; don’t run away and hide.

**Call to Worship**

Come, let us go down to the Potter’s House.

**God has invited us to witness the work of the Potter.**

Come and see what the Potter is making at the wheel.  
Look! The Potter is shaping holy vessels from clay.

**We are the clay, waiting to be shaped by the Potter’s hands.  
We have come to hear the Potter’s words.**

**Gathering Prayer**

**Potter God, you are our holy Creator, ever shaping and reshaping us. You are not restricted by our physical limitations or confined by our material substance. Time and again, you rework us to be more fully your holy people. Time and again, you recreate us so that we may more fully mirror your holy life. Today, in your house, help us to be witnesses to your work and listeners of your holy word. Amen.**

**Hymn**

“In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

I have a song that Jesus gave me, it was sent from heaven above;  
There never was a sweeter melody, ‘tis a melody of love.

**Refrain**

In my heart there rings a melody,  
There rings a melody with heaven’s harmony;  
In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a



melody of love.

'Twill be my endless theme in glory, with the angels I will sing;  
'Twill be a song with glorious harmony,  
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## ***WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD***

### ***Prayer for Illumination***

**Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word, our hearts to love your word, and our lives to be obedient to your word, through the power of your Spirit and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Ministry of Music***      *Don Cluff*

***Scripture***                      Jeremiah 18:1-11  
    Psalm 111|  
    Mark 10:46-52

***Ministry of Music***      *"All in the April Evening"*

### ***Message***

***Hymn***                      *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power – all power – surely is Thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

## **WE RESPOND IN LOVE TO GOD'S WORD**

***Ministry of Music***      *Don Cluff*

***Offertory Hymn***      *"The Wise May Bring their Learning"*

The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth,  
And some may bring their brilliance,  
And some bring strength and health;  
We too, would bring our treasures to offer to the King;  
We have no gifts deserving: what shall we children bring?

We'll bring him hearts that love him;  
We'll bring him thankful praise,  
And young souls humbly striving to walk in holy ways:  
And these shall be our treasures we offer to the King,  
And these are gifts that even the youngest child may bring.

We'll come and show the Saviour the things we do each day;  
We'll try our best to please him at home, at school or play;  
And better are these treasures to offer to our King  
Than richest gifts without them: yet these a child may bring.

### ***Offertory Prayer***

**Generous God, we are thankful to be clay vessels, bearing the imprint of the Potter's fingers. With your help, we will keep the form the Potter has fashioned us into. Amen.**



## *Memories of the Kirk Church*

*David and Wallace Gibson deeded a parcel of land to James Rankin Sr. James Rankin Jr., David Jinson, George Trafton and Alexander Kearney were trustees of Saint James Church in connection with the Church of Scotland in the Parish of Northampton. This church was called "Greenbank" or "The Kirk."*

*It is believed that this church was built sometime between 1856-1857.*

*There is an unusual mosque like bell tower in which hangs a bell that was sent out from Scotland.*

*The walls and ceilings are of plaster and the interior of the church is almost unchanged since it was built.*

*The interior of the building is about 45 ft. long and 35 ft. wide and there are three sections of pews. These original pews are very straight backed, made of golden oak and would seat about 100 people.*

*The pulpit is on a platform that has a carpet on it. This is a replacement for the original high pulpit which is now in the vestry at the Presbyterian Church in Woodstock.*

*To the right of the pulpit stands an old reed organ, the bellows of which are filled with air by foot pumps. It was made by the Thomas Organ and Piano Company of Woodstock, Ontario.*

*Between 1959 and 1962 Rev. H. G. MacKenzie preached at the Kirk every second Sunday afternoon for three summers.*

*At present Rev. Debra is keeping the Kirk Church alive by holding special services in the spring, fall, and at Christmas.*