



# Community Worship

Tuesday, September 9, 2014  
Lower Auditorium

## Gathering

Welcome and Call to Worship

Dr. Bill Leonard

## Centering

\*Song: "O God as With a Potter's Hand" (page 4)

Scripture: Mark 7:32-37 and Romans 12:1-5

Nikki Scheidecker (MDiv '17)  
Nicole Johnson (MDiv '16)

## Proclaiming

Sermon: "The Pot Within"

Rev. Rodney Stillwell

## Responding

\*Song: "Change my Heart O God" (page 3)

Poem & Prayers of the People: "Let it Go" by Danna Faulds

John-Mark Brown,  
(MDiv '15)

## Sending

Benediction

Rev. Rodney Stillwell

\*Sending Song: "Go In Peace, Go In Love"

Go in peace. Go in love.  
Go to seek. Go to serve.  
Go in hope to work and pray,  
and God goes with you all the way.

\* Please stand in body and/or spirit.

# Change My Heart O God

Eddie Espinoza

*Refrain*

Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true.

5 Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the

10 Pot - ter; I am the clay. Mold me and make - me;

15 this is what I pray. *to Refrain*

## O God, as with a Potter's Hand

O God, as with a potter's hand,  
when earth was morning bright,  
you shaped from clay a human form  
    that gave your eye delight;  
you breathed in love your Spirit's breath,  
    a living creature stirred  
and stood within the garden green,  
    awake to hear your Word.

Can clay defy the potter's touch,  
    alone its form define,  
or spoil with wild, rebellious will  
    the artist's true design?  
Yet we, in whom your hand has formed  
    an image good and fair,  
disfigure what you meant to be  
    a work beyond compare.

But once you shaped from human clay  
    a life whose truth and grace  
revealed an image pure and whole  
    that sin could not deface.  
And when we seized your choicest work  
    and broke its fragile clay,  
your hands restored the shattered shards  
    on earth's first Easter day.

O God, you hold our earthen lives  
    within your shaping hand  
and turn our forming clay to show  
    the image you have planned.  
forgive the sin that mars your work  
    and strives against your will.  
Conform our lives to Jesus Christ  
    with wisdom, love, and skill.

# Notes for Today's Worship



## About the Worship Leader

Rev. Rodney Stillwell received his MDiv at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and his M.A. in Pastoral Counseling at Wake Forest University. Rev. Stillwell currently serves as the Senior Chaplain at Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries. He often preaches using a potter's wheel and has developed a series of seminars on Christian Spirituality using clay as a medium of instruction.

## About the Worship Service

Our worship will echo the words of Thomas Greene: "The call of God is not so much to do something as for us to allow something to be done to us." We will share a time of listening to God through the work of a potter's wheel. Using one part theatre and one part theology we'll begin with Mark's story of healing. There we'll see that creating the space in the clay is the secret of making a pot. Then we'll understand that creating the space within to listen is the difference between transformation and conformity. Listening brings us to transformation and away from destructive conformity.

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## Worship

Today's worship service was planned by Analyse Triolo (MDiv '15) and Emily Hedrick (MDiv '16).

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The cover photo shows Rodney Stillwell's hands making a pot on the potters wheel.

