

January 1, 2023  
 Epiphany Sunday  
 Worship Series: Re-Shaped  
 Message: Stay in Love with God

**Prelude** *Mary Had a Baby* June Shuffett

**Welcome/Announcements** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Lighting of the Christ Candle** Lisa Dickinson

Leader: People of God, arise, shine,  
 for your light has come!

**People: The light of Christ has come into the world.  
 Emmanuel, God with us.**

Leader: God of hope and light,  
 Your good news has been emblazoned across the skies,  
 the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels,  
 celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals.  
 Kings from afar come to Your light.

**People: In this new year, we come to Your light, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: You have given us a new year, a new chance.  
 You remind us that we were created for a purpose.

**People: Shape us with Your light and love.**

**\*Hymn** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH 382

**\*Opening Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Creator God,  
 You sit at the Potter's Wheel  
 and continue to fashion beautiful things.  
 Open us to Your ongoing re-shaping of our lives  
 and help us believe that we are capable of change.  
 Calm our fears, and animate our spirits  
 for this time of discovery. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment** Linda Biscardo

**Prayers of People**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Offering**

*Angels' Canon* Teaka Robba and Jordan R Biscardo

**\*Doxology**

UMH 95

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!  
Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 18: 1-6

Robert Miller

**Message**

We Were Made For This

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Invitation to Communion**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Prayer of Confession**

**People: Almighty God,**

**You are our guiding presence as we enter the new year.  
Forgive us for past unfaithfulness,  
Silence in the face of injustice and inaction amid suffering.  
Release us from the fear that holds us back  
From fully living as Your people.  
Re-shape us with Your love and grace.  
Open us to new possibilities and renew our hope  
Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

**Assurance and Pardon**

Leader: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to  
Everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Alleluia! AMEN.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

UMH 13

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth

And with all the company of heaven

Praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**In the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance

Of these Your might acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

As a holy and living sacrifice,

In union with Christ's offering for us,

As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer Following Communion**

