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** 

Eternal God,
We give You thanks for this holy mystery
In which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
In the strength of Your Spirit,
To give ourselves to others
In the name our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## A Covenant Prayer in The Wesleyan Tradition

People: I am no longer my own, but Thine. Put me to what Thou wilt, rank me with whom Thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by Thee or laid aside for Thee, exalted for Thee or brought low for Thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine, and I am Thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. AMEN.

\*Hymn O God Our Help in Ages Past (To the Tune of Auld Lang Syne)

\*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude Behold That Star June Shuffett