Sermon

Pastor Jared Priset

*In the Potter’s Hands: From Earth We are Formed*

Text: Genesis 2:4b-9; 3:19

Focus: God is the Master Potter, the Creator, and we are all stamped in his image and likeness. As humans, we are the pinnacle of God’s creation and we can connect people to God through praise and our own creative acts.

I. God is shown as Creator – the Master Artist – in Genesis
   - God’s handiwork: galaxies, constellations, caterpillars, elm trees, bananas, trees…
   - The pinnacle of God’s creation: human beings

II. Humans made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:25-31)
   - Imago Dei – God’s fingerprint in us
   - God breathed life into us (Genesis 2:7)

III. “God don’t make no junk!”
   - We were made by the Master Potter
   - Culture tells us we are “human doings,” not “human beings”
     - Soren Kierkegaard – story of thieves rearranging the price tags (we are valued by the world for the wrong things!)
   - Great art has valued because it has the signature of the artist

IV. Creation praises the Creator
   1. Offering God praise with our lips (Psalm 19:14)
      - Words can be cheap, but they can also praise God and encourage others
   2. Offering God praise with our actions
   3. Offering God praise with our own acts of creation
      - Connecting others to Christ

V. How will you praise God today?
The office will be open Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, for phone calls, mail and deliveries. If you have prayer concerns or other questions call 330-499-8972.

**Church News**

**Women's Bible Study**
James is an intensely practical book, filled with exhortations to Christians about the way they should live their lives. It is filled with allusions to and quotations of the teachings of Jesus, and it includes more commands per word than any other New Testament book. James has been called "the Proverbs of the New Testament." This twelve week course will begin on June 8th via Zoom. You can also participate by phone if you do not have a computer. For more information contact Pastor Janet, janet@churchofthelakes.org or 330-685-4882.

**Blood Drive**
Church of the Lakes will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, June 10th, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Activity Center. The American Red Cross is in critical need of blood donations. Precautions are taken to keep you and the workers safe. No walk-ins will be accepted. To signup for an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code ChurchOfTheLakes.

**Donations Needed**

**Youth Mission 2020**
The youth will be making Summer Family Bags for the families at Canton Calvary Mission. Our goal is to help supply some additional food and activities to help the children through the long summer. Below is a list of what we would like to collect, any donations can be dropped off at the Church by June 19th, in the youth mission tote by the church office window. Or have the items shipped directly to the Church. (Church of the Lakes, Attention: Youth, 5944 Fulton Drive, Canton, OH 44718). Thank you for your support.

**Donation List**: Box of Crackers; Full size jars of peanut butter and of jelly; Individual bags of chips; Individual bags of cookies/desserts; Individual containers of fruit/applesauce; Flashcards; Children’s books; Crayons and coloring books; Jump ropes; Whiffle balls and bats; Frisbees; Additional toys that can be used for summer fun; Additional items that can be used for summer learning.

**Crosspoint Yard Sale**
Rescheduled July 9th-11th
Crosspoint UMC's annual yard sale, to benefit their missions, has been rescheduled for July 9th - 11th. They are able to take donations at any time, so if you are spring cleaning and have treasures you no longer need and would like to donate (anything besides clothing), contact Diana at our church office or 330-499-8972. They do appreciate anything and everything.

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.

Keep in your prayers: Bri Specht; Shirley, mother of Danielle Dragomire; Keith Evans. Our condolences to Trudy Reusser and family, on the passing of her husband, Clint. Submit prayer requests by phone: 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or through email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org
Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Canton Calvary Mission is gearing up for their kid's summer program. This year, there will be 2 different 3-week sessions: June 29th - July 16th, and July 27th - August 13th; running Monday, Tuesday & Thursday of each week. With Kindergarten - 4th graders in the morning and 5th - 8th graders in the afternoon. The details are still being finalized but one thing is certain, we need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Cathy Wendell, 330-730-9270.