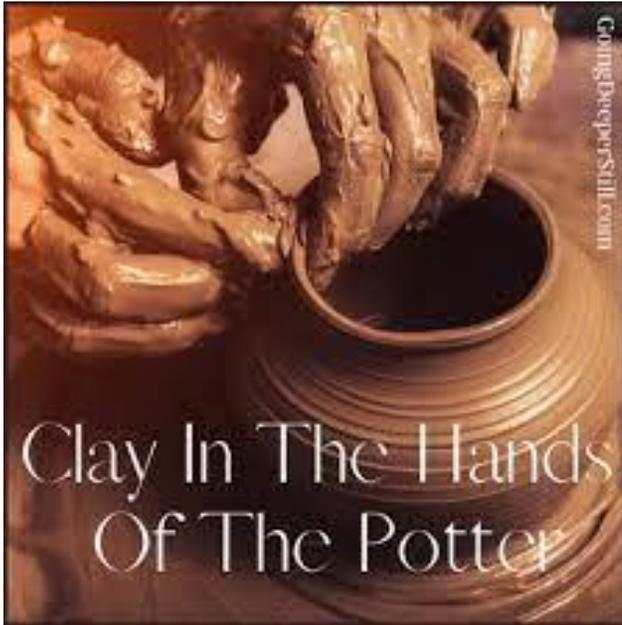


<sup>13</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD:  
Ask among the nations:  
Who has heard the like of this?  
The virgin Israel has done  
a most horrible thing.

### 1 Peter 1:7

<sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



### Call to Worship

Creator God, all creation is your handiwork; your touch gives life to all that is.

**You who shape and form us by the breath of your Spirit and the touch of your grace,**

God you alone are able to call forth from the depths of our being the beauty of your Spirit in us.

**May we in this celebration, surrender more deeply to your loving touch, as you fashion and form your heart's desire in us. This we pray in your Spirit. Amen**

## **Numbers 14: 1-4**

Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup> And all the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron; the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why is the LORD bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us choose a captain and go back to Egypt."

## **Exodus 14:14**

<sup>14</sup> **The LORD** will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

## **Isaiah 64:8**

<sup>8</sup> Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

## **Jeremiah 18:1-13**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup> Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup> And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup> but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup> Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. <sup>12</sup> But they say, "It is no use! We will follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of our evil will."