



## **GORDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**...A Neighborhood Congregation**

***“To Sow, Grow and Serve in the name of Jesus Christ”***

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**Care Letter for March 11, 2018**

**Scripture Reading:** John 3:14-21

### ***THOUGHT:***

***Surrender to what is. Let go of what was. Have faith in what will be.***

*—Sonia Ricotti*

In 1902, Adelaide A. Pollard, a hymn writer, was hoping to go to Africa as a missionary but found herself unable to raise the needed funds to make the journey. Greatly discouraged, she attended a prayer service one evening, and, as she sat there, she overheard an elderly woman say, “It really doesn’t matter what you do with us, Lord, just have your own way with our lives.” The elderly woman inspired Pollard, and she contemplated the story of the potter from Jeremiah 18:3, and upon her return home that evening, wrote all four stanzas before retiring for the night. Five years later, George Stebbins wrote a tune titled “Adelaide” to accompany the text.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will; While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o’er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit ’till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.

My wife is a potter. She’s taught me a few things about throwing pots and getting clay centered on the wheel. It takes a lot of strength to work with clay and get it centered properly. Clay often has a mind of its own, it seems. A potter must have strong fingers and arm strength. God has these qualities. The arms of God are strong. They push and shape us. The fingers of God apply the delicate touch needed to make us into something beautiful. But we must yield to the Potter.

—Timothy Merrill

**Prayer: O God, the Potter, today I surrender my life to you to mold and make according to your will. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*We are praying for you and wishing you a good week!  
Your friends at Gordon UMC*

# Activity Page for the week of March 11, 2018

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Leviticus 20-23

**Monday:** Leviticus 24-27

**Tuesday:** Mark 1-3

**Wednesday:** Mark 4-6

**Thursday:** Mark 7-10

**Friday:** Mark 11-13

**Saturday:** Psalms 25-28

## VOW TO FIND A VOWEL!

We'll not only give you a vowel but we'll give you a lot of them. The words in this brain-cruncher have vowels in unusual arrangements. See if you can guess the words from the clues provided. Find the secret message by transferring the circled letters to the appropriate spaces. Remember that the circled letter may be a vowel.

1. Brave: ○ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ E O U \_
2. A dark profile: \_ \_ \_ \_ ○ O U E \_ \_ \_
3. Circular: ○ O U \_ \_
4. Running away: \_ \_ \_ E E ○ \_ \_
5. Savage, fierce: \_ \_ \_ I O U ○
6. Strange, odd: \_ U A I \_ ○
7. A person from the 50<sup>th</sup> state: \_ \_ \_ A ○ I A \_
8. Compress, push together: ○ \_ \_ U E E \_ \_
9. A large tree in California: ○ \_ \_ \_ U \_ \_ I A
10. Paddling in a small, narrow boat: \_ ○ \_ \_ O E I \_ \_
11. Upright, moral and righteous: ○ \_ \_ \_ \_ U O U \_
12. Lining up in a row: \_ \_ U E U ○ \_ \_
13. Gorgeous: \_ \_ E A U \_ \_ E ○ U \_
14. Precipitation: ○ A I \_ \_

**Secret Message:** Write here in space provided

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

**ANSWERS:** 1. courageous; 2. silhouette; 3. round; 4. fleeing; 5. vicious; 6. quaint;  
7. Hawaiian; 8. squeeze; 9. sequoia; 10. canoeing; 11. virtuous; 12. queuing;  
13. beautiful; 14. rain. **Secret Message:** CHRIST IS SAVIOR