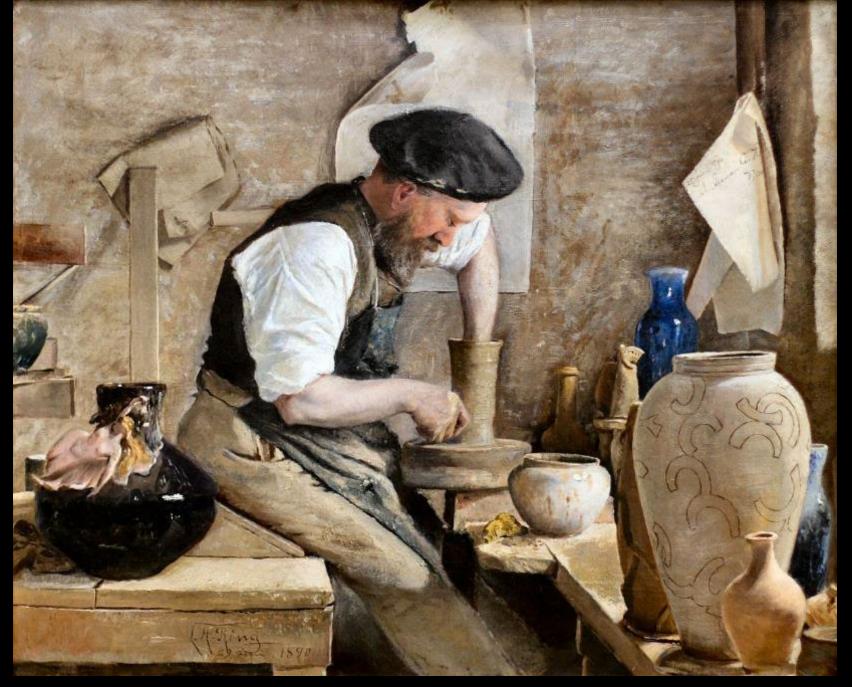
## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year C

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 • Deuteronomy

30:15-20 and Psalm 1 • Philemon 1:1-21 • Luke 14:25-33

I went down to the potter's house ...
The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled ... and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Jeremiah 18:3a, 4ac



Potter Herman Kahler -- Laurits Ring, Randers Museum of Art, Jutland, Denmark

Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? ... Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand ...

Jeremiah 18:6



Hand of God

Auguste Rodin RISD Museum Providence, RI You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

Psalm 139:2, 4

For Only One Short Hour, or, The Seamstress

Anna Blunden Yale Centre for British Art New Haven, CT How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! ... I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

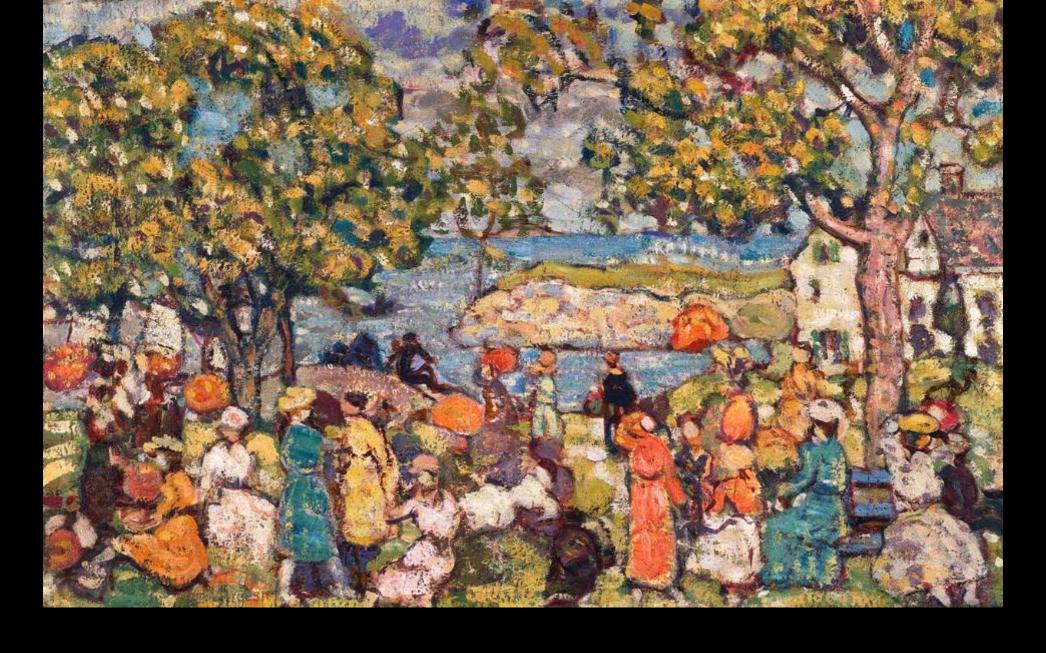
Psalm 139:17a, 18



St. Francis in the Desert, detail

Giovanni Bellini Frick Collection New York, NY Choose life ... loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him ...

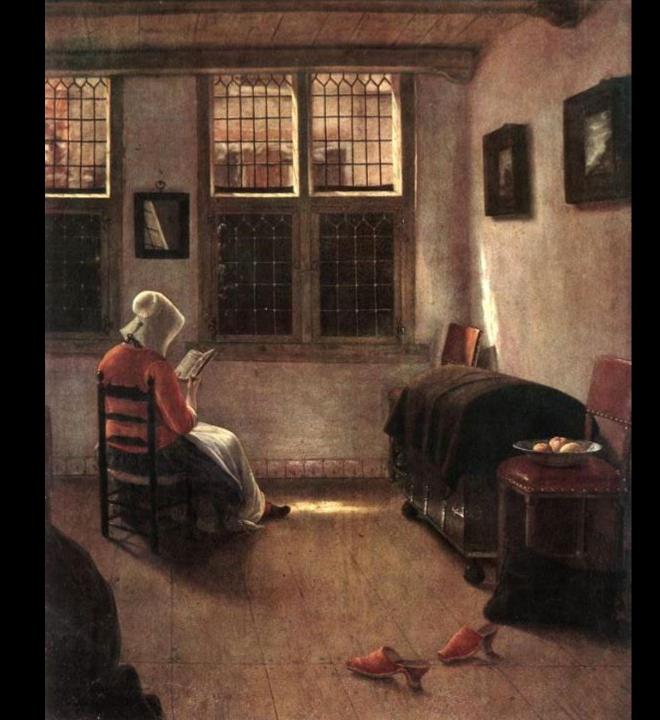
Deuteronomy 30:19b, 20a



The Picnic -- Maurice Prendergast, Phillips Collection, Washington, DC

Happy are those who do not ...sit in the seat of scoffers ... their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

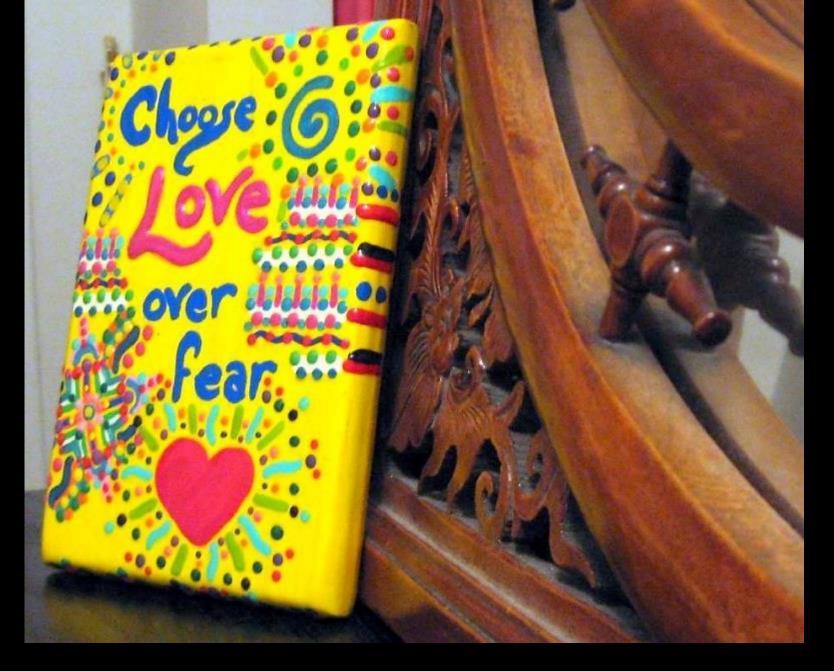
Psalm 1:1ac, 2



Woman Reading

Pieter Elinga Alte Pinakotek Munich, Germany though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ... I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love ...

Philemon 1:8b, 9a



"Choose Love Over Fear..." Desmond Tutu

I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

Philemon 1:10

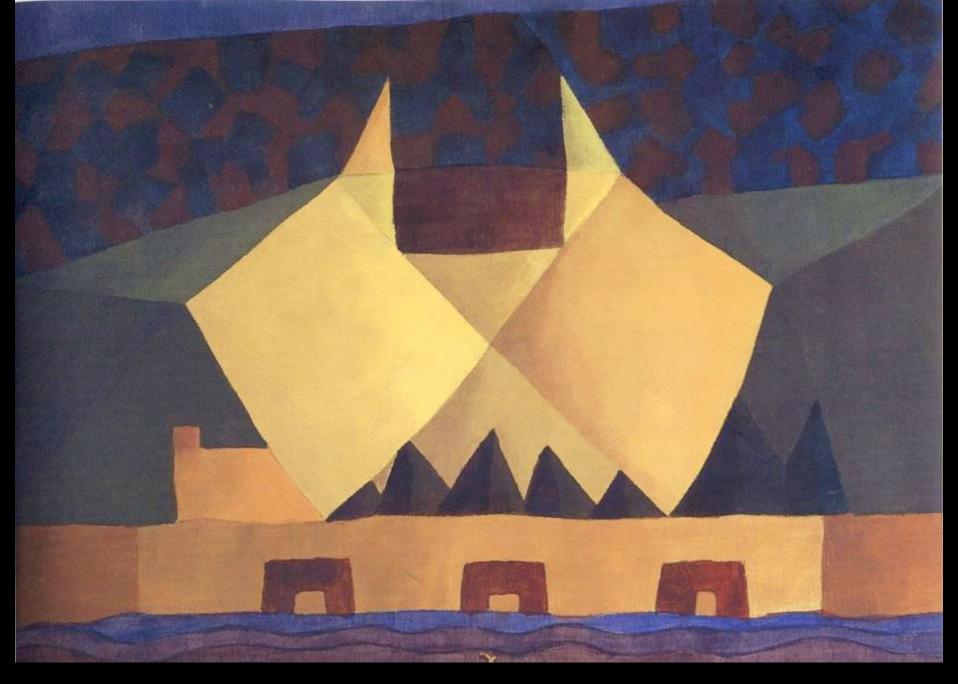
## **ONESMUS BOYS CENTRE**

Street Boys Rehabilitation Centre

MOTTO: Take the opportunity, Make a difference

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you ... no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother ...

Philemon 1:12, 16a



Two Brothers -- Arthur Dove, Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother,

Luke 14:25a, 26a

wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26b



Crowd
Listening, detail
from Sermon
on the Mount

Henrik Olrik
Sankt
Matthaeus
Kirke
Copenhagen,
Denmark

## Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27



Simon of Cyrene Helps Christ, Stations of the Cross -- Good Shepherd Church, Cedar Hill, TX

So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Luke 14:33



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