



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

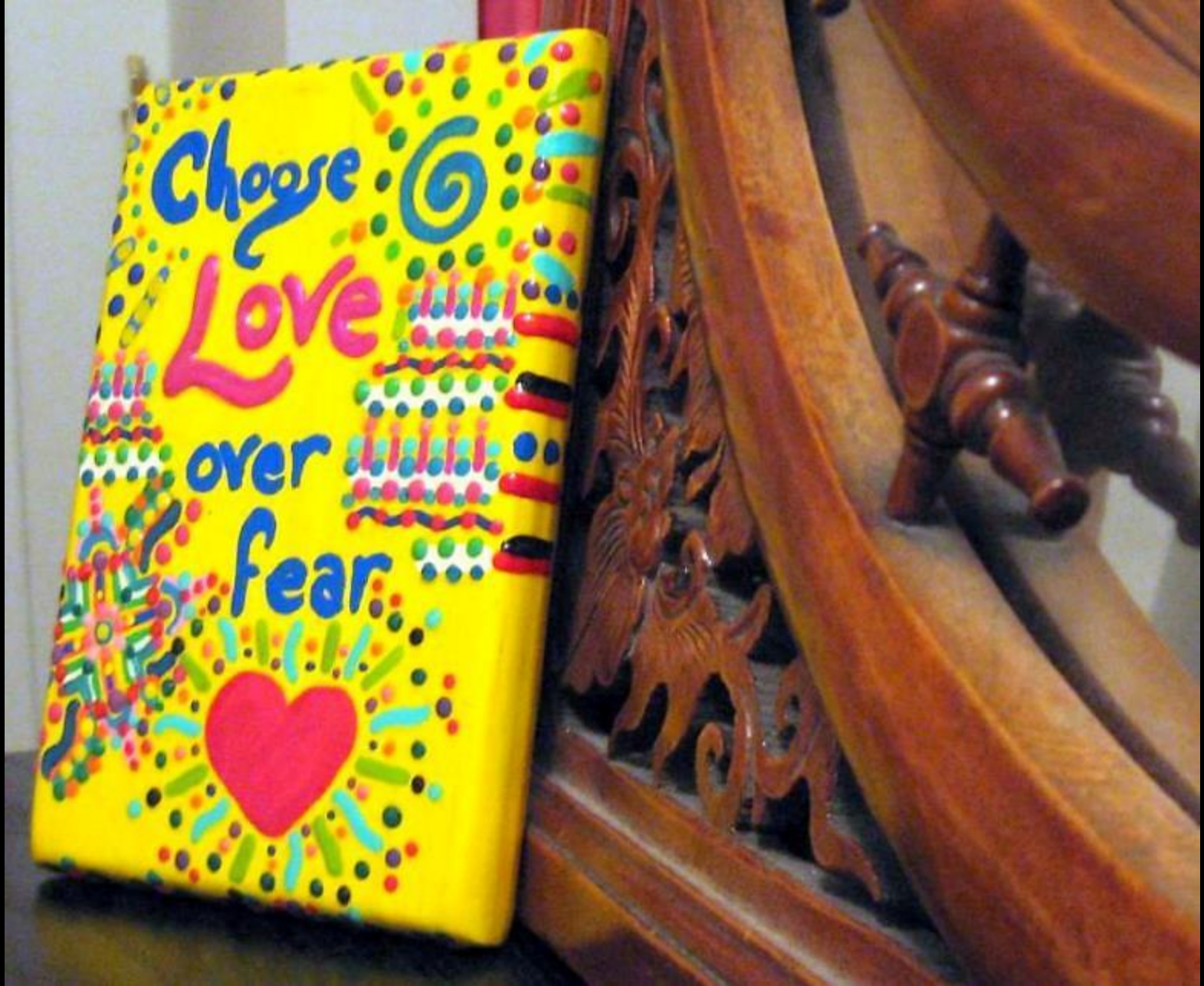


Woman Reading

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

Sign from Onesimus Boys Centre -- Mombasa, Kenya

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



Meeting House Worship Space, Hancock Shaker Village, Pittsfield, MA

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