

*You take our failures, you take our weakness, you set your treasure in jars of clay.
So take this heart, Lord, I'll be your vessel, the world to see your life in me.*

Have you ever seen a piece of pottery that's been broken and glued back together? The cracks often spoil the beauty and even the usability of the original piece. But the Japanese art of *kintsugi* (also known as *kintsukuroi*—"golden repair") calls for repairing the breaks by using lacquer mixed with powdered gold, emphasizing the beauty and utility of the breaks and imperfections.

What a wonderful image of who we are as God's people—imperfectly perfect through his grace. This is definitely reason enough to worship and praise to our Lord as we begin this morning!

In today's message, *Perfectly Wrong*, Alix Riley is going to examine the story of the prodigal sons—one son recklessly disobedient, the other a begrudging perfectionist—both loved by their father. Regardless of our circumstances (rich or poor, marginalized or advantaged), Jesus loves us and has promised and secured the future of those who love him. His amazing grace—the golden repair—sets all of us free so that we are in mercy gathered, mended and whole. Hallelujah!

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "Broken Vessels"* F. Johnston

Welcome and Life of the Church // Call to Worship

***Hymn of Celebration:** *Earth and All Stars* H. Brokering, D. Johnson

***Prayer of Praise**

Choral Exclamation: *Sing a New Song* D. Forrest
(Cantate canticum novum)

Come, sing to the Lord a new song! *Cantate canticum novum.* [Sing a new song.]

When darkness falls, when spirit is lost, seek the Lord, return to him: Receive his grace.

Come, sing to the Lord a new song!...

Prayer for Renewal and Help

Bereavement

For Emily Esslinger and family in the death of her mother, Holly.

***Congregational Song of Forgiveness:** *Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)* J. Houston, et al

Prayer of Preparation for the Word

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:11-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

A Message for Living:

"Perfectly Wrong"

Mrs. Alix Riley, Director of Adult Ministries
Enjoying God: Celebrating Who God Really Is #2

Prayer // Word in Action: Deanna Hayes, Inner-
Change

Invitation to Give

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Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

***Congregational Song of Redemption:** *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* C. Tomlin

***Charge and Benediction // Organ Postlude:** *Earth and All Stars* F. Johnston

ENJOYING GOD

CELEBRATING WHO GOD REALLY IS #2

“Perfectly Wrong”

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Riley

Luke 15:11-32

SERMON NOTES

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Chancel Choir (10:40)

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