

# GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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**"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."**

## Sermon: "Breaking Molds the Other Way"

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

*Ephesians 2:10 (NRSV)*

## Thoughts to Consider for the Sermon

1. No doubt you've heard the phrase, "They broke the mold when they made *so and so*." Typically, this is something that is said as a complement. It's another way of saying, that someone is unique, wonderful, and someone to be cherished! Who is someone in your life – especially in your faith life – who you feel was a mold breaker? You know, their faith life is seemingly so wonderful that you really do admire them. What makes you think that about them? Do you aspire to be more like them?
2. Sometimes, we're not too kind to ourselves. We don't always think of ourselves as mold-breakers. It's not that we don't think we're important in the grand scheme of things. It's just that we don't always see ourselves being named by someone else as being worth admiring, like in

that first question. What deficits in your faith life are you most aware of?

3. The trick behind the first and second questions is that we all answer both of them. We all look up to others, admiring their faith, and yet we all assume that we're not the mold-breakers. The reason for this is that we all make assumptions of what the mold is in the first place. We assume that we have some form of defect, and so to break the mold would be incredibly premature. What if we are beautifully created by God, and yet always being worked on? What if the "mold" isn't exactly what we think it is?

## An Invitation

If you are worshiping with us today, and you don't have a church home, but are looking for a faith community full of people who are also journeying as disciples of Jesus, following Christ's example, love and grace, then we would love the opportunity to be that church home and family for you. If this sounds good to you, we simply want to encourage you to keep coming, talk to those around you, and discover what it means to be part of this beautiful church family and family of Christ.

Membership in the church is not about a status. Instead, it's about taking a step as a follower of Jesus to commit yourself, along with others, to that journey! If you are interested in joining the church as a member, or even just learning more about it, please indicate that on your Connect Card, and we'll be sure to reach out quickly!

Meeting you is a blessing for us, and we hope that this day was a blessing for you!

-Pastor Brian