**Hillside UMC Sermon Prep Sheet**

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**Date: Sunday, May 6, 2018 – *2nd & 3rd Grade Bibles***

**Sermon Title: Series: Who Am I?**

**I Am God’s Workmanship**

**Scripture: Psalm 139:14 (NIV)** 14I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

**Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)** 8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast. 10For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Call to Worship: (8:30 only)**

Leader: Our God is a God of power and strength!

**People: God has created each of us** **with tender care.**

Leader: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

**People: God walks with each of us** **every step of the way.**

Leader: Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

**People: God loves each of us** **with tenderness and passion.**

Leader: Our God calls us each by name.

**All: We are known, loved, and made whole by our God who calls each of us to unite in worship together!**

**Basic Theme:**  **Who am I? We ask this question during different stages and seasons of life and the answer likely changes each time we ask. As children, we develop our identity by what we are told from trusted adults. As teenagers, our peers and talents often define our identity. Later in life, jobs, marital status, and parenthood define who we are. These definitions shape our attitudes and behaviors. However, our true identity lies in the Word of God, and when we understand and embrace who God says are, we live in true freedom.**

**Sermon Snapshot: *In ancient Biblical times and even into the modern era, the value of something created by a craftsman is most often based on the reputation of the creator. Tools, pottery, buildings, furniture, jewelry etc. are much more valuable than the raw materials they are created with and the function they fulfill because the items represent the work of the creator. If that is true with “stuff,” then is it also true with people? As people created by God, our value is magnified because of the handiwork of the creator!***

**So What? Have you ever considered yourself to be a masterpiece? Have you ever thought of yourself as the handiwork of God on display to honor the creator? How would your life be different if you viewed yourself through the eyes of the creator? What will it take to minimize the blemishes and magnify the beauty of Gods masterpiece?**