



Bethany Panhorst

Title: *Handbreadth*

Dimensions: 1.75" x 4" x 6.5"

Year: 2021

Price: NFS

Statement: My modeled hand sculpture references the measurement of a handbreadth. This measurement is mentioned several times throughout the Biblical text. One instance, in Psalm 39, the author writes, "Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breadth! Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather! And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you." By representing this measurement visually, I intend, as the writer of this Psalm, to communicate life's brevity. The still cupped position of the hand represents a waiting for Lord's salvation.