

Living Water Fellowship

7th Sunday in Pentecost – 7th July 2024

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE WORSHIP BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE (REND COLLECTIVE)

SONG: *Come Praise and Glorify*

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Jeremiah 1:4-19

⁴ The Lord gave me this message:

⁵ “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb.

Before you were born I set you apart & appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

⁶ “O Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!” ⁷ The Lord replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you & say whatever I tell you. ⁸ And don’t be afraid of the people, for I will be with you & will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!”

⁹ Then the Lord reached out & touched my mouth & said, “Look, I have put my words in your mouth! ¹⁰ Today I appoint you to stand up against nations & kingdoms. Some you must uproot & tear down, destroy & overthrow. Others you must build up & plant.” ¹¹ Then the Lord said to me, “Look, Jeremiah! What do you see?” I replied, “I see a branch from an almond tree.”

¹² The Lord said, “That’s right, & it means that I am watching, & I will certainly carry out all my plans.”

¹³ Then the Lord spoke to me again & asked, “What do you see now?” I replied, “I see a pot of boiling water, spilling from the north.” ¹⁴ “Yes,” the Lord said, “for terror from the north will boil out on the people of this land. ¹⁵ Listen! I am calling the armies of the kingdoms of the north to come to Jerusalem. I, the Lord, have spoken!

“They will set their thrones at the gates of the city.

They will attack its walls & all the other towns of Judah.

¹⁶ I will pronounce judgment on my people for all their evil—
for deserting me & burning incense to other gods.

Yes, they worship idols made with their own hands!

¹⁷ “Get up & prepare for action. Go out & tell them everything I tell you to say.
Do not be afraid of them, or I will make you look foolish in front of them.

¹⁸ For see, today I have made you strong like a fortified city that cannot be captured,
like an iron pillar or a bronze wall. You will stand against the whole land—
the kings, officials, priests, & people of Judah.

¹⁹ They will fight you, but they will fail. For I am with you, & I will take care of you.
I, the Lord, have spoken!”

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SONG: *Even so Come*

FAITH CHAT:

1. What reservations do you have about your ability to serve God should you have opportunity & call to do so?
2. How would you describe the way God calls people to serve in a particular way or circumstance?

THE MESSAGE: *FULLY ENGAGED: BY GOD'S CALL*

OFFERING SONG: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE (CITYALIGHT)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ calls you from before time
& equips you for every moment.
Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Hear our Praises*

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Jeremiah 1:4-19. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? Why?
2. How do you think God's word/message came to Jeremiah? Would you be able to tell if you received such a "word?" How? How do you think you would feel?
3. God launches Jeremiah into his life-long calling to preach to a people who largely rejected his message. Why? What in this first text gives you an indication of what God intends to do through his chosen witnesses? How is the word spoken through God's chosen witnesses being safeguarded & brought to fulfillment?
4. How do you feel knowing God knew you before you were born? Do you perceive yourself as having been called by God to anything? Be ready to explain your answer.
5. God's call is always both "destructive" AND "constructive." How is our common call to proclaim the good news of Christ BOTH of those? Which do we prefer to share? Why?
6. Note that in verse 10, God points Jeremiah toward the world around God's people, not just to God's people. How is that consistent with our call as missionaries of the gospel?
7. Jeremiah's basic prophecy is that God's people are being held accountable/punished for the sins & idolatry committed over generations in the land God gave them. What is the good news in the face of the overwhelming bad that Jeremiah proclaims?
8. In the face of assured opposition, Jeremiah was given what two choices of whom to fear? Given those two options, how was he to address his opposition?
9. Why is fear such a paralyzing factor? How can we deal with fear today? Has fear ever stopped you from taking a necessary or "right" action? What happened?
10. Read vs 19 again from the "good news/bad news" perspective. What's the bad news there? What's the good news? Knowing both are true, what do you do with the word of Jesus God has entrusted to you to share widely in this world?
11. What does this text call you to do?

Remember:

God calls from eternity and equips for the moment.

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***