

**Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church**  
**Adult Faith Formation**  
**Jeremiah – A Past Remembered, A Future Anticipated**  
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**"The prophetic book of Jeremiah sears the soul, challenges the conscience, and promises hope to the wounded in body and spirit.... The era that produced the book of Jeremiah was a time of turmoil and upheaval."**

*(The New Interpreter's Study Bible, p. 1051)*

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**Jeremiah 33:10-11**

**<sup>10</sup>Thus says the Lord: In this place of which you say, "It is a waste without humans or animals," in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without inhabitants, human or animal, there shall once more be heard <sup>11</sup>the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing as they bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord:**

**"Give thanks to the Lord of hosts,  
for the Lord is good,**

**for his steadfast love endures forever!"**

**For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the Lord**

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**Opening Prayer**

**Jeremiah's Call**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,'  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord."

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

### **A Past Remembered:**

#### **Jeremiah 5:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>How can I pardon you?  
Your children have forsaken me  
and have sworn by those who are no gods.  
When I fed them to the full,  
they committed adultery  
and trooped to the houses of prostitutes.

<sup>8</sup>They were well-fed lusty stallions,  
each neighing for his neighbor's wife.

<sup>9</sup>Shall I not punish them for these things?  
says the Lord,  
and shall I not bring retribution  
on a nation such as this?

<sup>10</sup>Go up through her vine rows and destroy,  
but do not make a full end;  
strip away her branches,  
for they are not the Lord's.

<sup>11</sup>For the house of Israel and the house of Judah  
have been utterly faithless to me,  
says the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>They have spoken falsely of the Lord  
and have said, “He will do nothing.  
No evil will come upon us,  
and we shall not see sword or famine.”

<sup>13</sup>The prophets are nothing but wind,  
for the word is not in them.  
Thus shall it be done to them!

#### **Jeremiah 5:20-21; 6:10**

<sup>20</sup>Declare this in the house of Jacob;  
proclaim it in Judah:

<sup>21</sup>Hear this, O foolish and senseless people,  
who have eyes but do not see,  
who have ears but do not hear....

<sup>10</sup>To whom shall I speak and give warning,  
that they may hear?

See, their ears are closed;  
they cannot listen.  
The word of the Lord is to them an object of scorn;  
they take no pleasure in it.

### **Jeremiah 7:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you who enter these gates to worship the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord."

<sup>5</sup>For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, <sup>7</sup>then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave to your ancestors forever and ever.

### **A Future Anticipated:**

#### **Jeremiah 22:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, <sup>2</sup>and say: Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah sitting on the throne of David — you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place. <sup>4</sup>For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses — they, their servants, and their people.

#### **Jeremiah 23:3-6**

<sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

#### **Jeremiah 32:37-44**

<sup>37</sup>See, I am going to gather them from all the lands to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation; I will bring them back to this place, and I will settle them in safety. <sup>38</sup>They shall be my people, and I will be their God. <sup>39</sup>I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for all time, for their own good and the good of their children after them. <sup>40</sup>I will make an everlasting covenant with them, never to draw back from doing good to them, and I will put the fear of me in their hearts, so that they may not turn from me. <sup>41</sup>I will rejoice in doing good to them, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

<sup>42</sup>For thus says the LORD: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good fortune that I now promise them. <sup>43</sup>Fields shall be bought in this land of which you are saying, "It is a desolation, without humans or animals; it has been given into the hands of the Chaldeans." <sup>44</sup>Fields shall be bought for silver, and deeds shall be signed and sealed and witnessed in the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, of the hill country, of the Shephelah, and of the Negeb, for I will restore their fortunes, says the LORD.

### **Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **Prayer – Jeremiah 29:11-14 (Paraphrased)**

We know the plans you have for us, LORD, plans for our welfare and not for harm, to give us a future with hope. When we call on you and come and pray to you, you hear us. When we search for you, you find us; if we seek you with all your heart, you let us find you, and you restore our fortunes and gather us from all the nations and all the places and bring us back to you. We celebrate and give thanks for your sovereignty, O God, your grace, O Christ, and your wisdom and guidance, O Holy Spirit. Amen.

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