

JEREMIAH'S JOURNEY (Continued) 5. The exiles return

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The Prelude is part of our Order of Worship, time to pray as we all prepare to worship God

PRELUDE

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

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WELCOME, INTRODUCTION and CHURCH NEWS

Jim Simpson

* CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT # 691 v1, 2 "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

*1. Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.
2. Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

**For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will forgive and restore my people, and equip them for every good work;
and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.**

* HYMN # 41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not keep your word before us always
and in all things.

Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth
and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you;
for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;
for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.

Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.

Do not remember our sin but remember your mercy forever.

We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE # 418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" v3 and Refrain
O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

Refrain: *“Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.”*

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home!”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10 (p. 77/100)

Tom Barrentine

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Activity Packs for children available ask Usher)

* HYMN # 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31: 1-9, 31-34 (p. 689/897) Pat Barrentine

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

Husberg

(Children's Church – A weekly Activity time for toddlers through 2nd Grade.
Parents sign-in children with the volunteers in the Gathering Room.)

SERMON

“Covenant!”

Jim Simpson

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING HYMN # 468

“In My Life, Lord be Glorified”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pat Barrentine

God of generous providing, you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives:
the sacred writings that provide instruction, correction, and training;
the gift of the church; covenantal love and faithfulness;
your own dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior;
the gift of the Spirit, our Advocate.

We belong to you, and all that we have belongs to you.

Use these offerings, we pray, in service of the justice you are establishing
through your kingdom in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and acknowledge Him as your Lord and Savior trusting in His grace and love? [I do.]

Do you promise to share regularly in the worship of God's people on the Lord's Day? [I do.]

Do you promise to give yourself to prayer, the work of the church and to give of all that you have and are for the service of the church? [I do.]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe, so help me God.

I believe in the mercy which is from everlasting to everlasting to those who love God,
and even to those who love but a little or at this moment love not at all.

I believe in mercy that is always as free as the wind, generous as the sunshine and rain,
and more boundless than the stars of the Milky Way.

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I believe in a God who from ancient days made glimmers of mercy known,
from continent to continent and to islands in the distant paths of the sea.
I believe bright shafts of such knowledge are especially reflected in the insightful poems
and prophecies of the Hebrew people as they were called to be a light to the nations.
I believe that in the fullness of time God has exceeded all expectations, and made
divine mercy incarnate, visible and touchable in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
I believe in a God who, at this moment, is more ready to embrace us with Christ's mercy
than we are to receive and trust it.
I believe that this very belief is itself only possible because of God's mercy
which precedes all our thinking, understanding, and speaking.
So I believe, and pray for the wisdom to express my belief in all I do and say.
I believe. So help me God. Amen!

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING and Lord's Prayer (...*forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...*)

*HYMN # 826

“Lift High the Cross”

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 540 "Farewell, Good Friends!"

*Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.* (sing twice)

POSTLUDE

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Showalter

Kathy Cardwell MM, Director of Music

**All who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

Next Sunday, November 24 Reign of Christ

Scripture: Psalm 46 and Luke 23:33-43 Sermon: The Mystery of Christ's Reign

We will again welcome the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Short as our guest preacher.

SESSION OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLASS OF 2019:	Sylvia Goodyear	Patty Morris	Doris Riggs
CLASS OF 2020:	Bruce Burn	Candy Frank	Frances Young
CLASS OF 2021:	Rick Borden	Janice Glascock	Lynn Hayes
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November 17, 2019

33rd Sunday in
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