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Disciples of Christ

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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

O God of all the prophets, you knew us and chose us before you formed us in the womb. Fill us with faith that speaks your word, hope that does not disappoint, and love that bears all things for your sake, until that day when we shall know you fully, even as we are known by you. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Today, the words of God come to us, in love,

Many: inviting us to not be afraid, but place our faith in God.

One: Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,

Many: inviting us to trust in the One who knows us, to place our hope in the One who saves us.

One: Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,

Many: inviting us to be gracious in our love and service to others.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Jeremiah 1:4-10

I Want You!

Our text this week from the book of Jeremiah tells us that before we were done growing in the womb, God *knew us*; God *consecrated us* (what that means is that he set us apart and deemed us sacred); and God *gifted us* with certain strengths and skills that will allow us to do the work God needs us to do for him. And what is this work? Where does God send us? It's "the place.. [w]here your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet" (Frederick Buechner). In other words, he puts us right where he needs us. Just like he did with Jeremiah as a young man, God *calls, equips*, and then *sends* us out into the world to add a little more light, a little more joy, a little more love into the mix. That place might not be familiar, comfortable, or even convenient; but it is right where God has a need, and God will not put us there without equipping us. Join us for worship this week, for a time of coming into God's presence, listening for his Living Word, feasting at his table, and fellowshiping with our siblings in Christ. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara



Scripture Readings

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "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." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." 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. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." 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. 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."



Prayers & Praises February 2, 2025

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Cecilia Burkhart
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Wayne Duncan
- Ron Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. Both are struggling with a variety of health issues.

Praise for Joan Dietrich. Joan is out of rehab, settling into her “new” home with her daughter.

Friends:

- Gina Simpson, *sister of Sara Lugn.* Gina and Sara will be going to Mayo Clinic in MN where Gina will have brain surgery on February 12th for a benign mass.
- John Burkhart, *recent scan shows he is cancer-free.*
- Linda De Los Santos, *sister of Vincent Ortega.* Linda is in rehab in Scottsbluff.
- Maggie Schumacher, *friend of Katelyn Long.*
- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.*

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: Ashland First Christian Church - Bob Schofield

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: India

“We pray, Lord, that you will move us with your spirit so that we may live as your disciples, following in your footsteps, being a friend of the ‘sick’ and vulnerable in society, healing them, and inspiring them to be channels of your healing.”

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Lord, When I Came into This Life

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name; today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast, I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt, let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true: feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

