

SCRIPTURE

JEREMIAH 1:1-10

¹ The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. ² The word of the LORD came to him in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah, ³ and through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem went into exile. ⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." ⁶ "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

1 SAMUEL 1:27-28

27 I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. 28 So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

AMOS 5:24

24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

MICAH 6:4-8

4 I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. 5 My people, remember what Balak king of Moab counseled and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

6 With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

MATTHEW 18:5

5 And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: 10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

LUKE 2:22FF

22...Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

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THE CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE 1

Pastor:

Do you as the congregation
accept the responsibility of assisting *these* parents
in fulfillment of the baptismal vows,
and do you undertake to provide facilities and opportunities
for Christian nurture and fellowship?

People:

We will, by the grace of God.

THE CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE 2

Pastor:

Members of the household of faith,
I commend your love and care to *this* child,
whom we this day recognize as a *member* of the family of God.
Will you endeavor so to live
that *this* child may grow in the knowledge and love of God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People:

**With God's help
we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that *this* child, surrounded by steadfast love,
may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened
in the way that leads to eternal life.**