

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSV)

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

- 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 “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.”
6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for
I am only a boy.” ⁷ 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.
8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”
9 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.
10 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.”



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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

**In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.**

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 21, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Doug Bartel
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 866	Doug Bartel
*Prayer		
*Song of Gathering	Open the Eyes of My Heart	VT 401
Psalm 139		

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 Wonderful are your works;
 that I know very well.
 My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
 In your book were written
 all the days that were formed for me,
 when none of them as yet existed.*

***How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them!
 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
 I come to the end—I am still with you.***

Song	Lord, thou hast searched me [HWB 556]	Insert
Time for God's Children		Jan Amstutz

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Bringing our First Fruits		
Offertory		Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

The Second Lesson		Jeremiah 1:4-10
Message	God's Words in Our Mouths	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn	How Clear Is Our Vocation	VT 547
Sending	Spirit of God	Greg Yoder & Seth Crissman
	<i>Spirit of God, grow in us</i>	
	<i>That we may learn to love like Jesus</i>	
	<i>Spirit of God, go with us</i>	
	<i>That we may share the love that frees us.</i>	
Postlude		Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ Continuing to pray through our directory –

- ✚ **Pray for all teachers and students** as they return to school, that God will grant them the energy and enthusiasm they need, each and every day, especially for teachers in FMC.
- ❖ Continue praying for those suffering with **physical needs**.
- ❖ **WDC Request:** Pray for God's strength and joy to be with all those who are serving in **WDC leadership** roles, as they begin a new year of service following the recent WDC Annual assembly.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Special offering today goes to Mennonite Church USA.**
- ❖ **Thanks to Judy Jantz** for organizing a lovely time for women to be together yesterday for breakfast in Hesston.
- ❖ **Worship committee** will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Thanks to the 21 people** who helped with making 199 pounds of peppernuts this year. What a fun time of fellowship! May God's love be shared with many as we sell them.
- ❖ **Thursday, Aug. 25 – Life Enrichment** returns to Bethel College this week. Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.
See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment>