



July 19, 2020. The 7th Sunday after Pentecost. Part Seven of "Unraveled" series.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

**All: Hem us in before and behind.**

One: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

**All: Weave us together in hope and praise.**

One: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

**All: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.**

**Draw us together and point us toward you.**

One: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.

**All: Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, Being faithful has never been easy. You asked the Israelites to plant gardens and build homes while in exile. You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths. You asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you. And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to. Being faithful has never been easy, and as a result, we often miss the mark. Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans. Forgive us for the times we say no to you so that we can say yes to ourselves. Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

Words of Assurance and Passing of the Peace

Hymn #100

"God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us" vs. 1,2,5

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn "Jeremiah Sent a Letter" - See Attached

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem....

The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

Sermon "Jeremiah Calms"

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #186 "Allelulia"

Blessing

Postlude

# Jeremiah Sent a Letter

## A Hymn Inspired by Jeremiah 29:1-7

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR

Meter: 8.7.8.7 D

Music: American Melody, 1830

Voice



1. Jer - e - mi - ah sent a let - ter to the folks in  
2. Though they want - ed news of freed - om, he told them to  
3. Some - times, Lord, we find our - selves in pla - ces we don't

4  
Ba - by - lon. Long had they been stuck in dark - ness,  
hunk - er down: "Build your hous - es, plant your gard - ens,  
want to be; pla - ces full of pain and an - guish,

7  
wait - ing for to greet the dawn. They had suff - ered  
raise your child - ren in this town." Jer - e - mi - ah  
pla - ces cra - ving ju - bi - lee. May we in the

10  
much in ex - ile, toil - ing hard in angst and fear.  
told the peo - ple, "make the best of your home here.  
times of ex - ile serve our God cour - a - geous - ly.

13  
Young and old were forced to la - bor, kept in place by sword and spear.  
Seek the wel - fare of the ci - ty, through your lives, God's truth en - dear."  
In the mo - ments of our tri - als, may we love all faith - full - y.



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**WEEKLY GPS**

**GROW**

**PRAY**

**STUDY**

**Coming Next:**

**“Unraveled”**

July 26	Samaritan Woman	John 4:1-29
Aug 2	Thomas Questions	John 20:19-29
Aug 9	Moses’s Mother Relinquishes	Exodus 1:22, 2:10

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Jeremiah 29:7**

“Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare”

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday**      **Jeremiah 31:31-40**

**Tuesday**     **John 2:1-12**

**Wednesday**   **John 2:13-25**

**Thursday**     **John 3:1-21**

**Friday**        **John 3:22-30**

**Saturday**     **John 3:31-36**

**CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS**

- ◇ **Thinking about this week’s story:** Jeremiah advised the people in exile to settle in, build houses, and plant gardens. What sort of long-term changes have you made, or could you make during our ‘exile’?
- ◇ **Thinking About Next Week’s Story:** The conversation between Jesus and the woman at the well was a difficult conversation between two people who, according to custom, should not have been speaking to each other at all. What are some difficult conversations you have had with others in your life?
- ◇ **Unraveling:** When have your expectations and preconceived notions of another person been unraveled by getting to know them??

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**This week's Connections Schedule:**

**Sunday 10:30-11:30—Adult Sunday School**

**Monday 12:00-1:00 — Bible Study**

**Wednesday 12:00-12:30—Midday Prayer Service**

**Wednesday 5:00-6:00 — Youth Zoom\***

**Thursday 7:30-8:30—Pub Theology\***

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**\*Youth Zoom and Pub Theology have different Zoom codes.**