

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, February 3, 2019)

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From the very beginning, God calls us.
God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.
We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.
But God reassures us in many and various ways through the
course of our days.

Read these words from a hymn today *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.*

Read this scripture from worship: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (The Message)

4 This is what God said:

5 "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations - that's what I had in mind for you."

6 But I said, "Hold it, Master God! Look at me. I don't know anything. I'm only a boy!"

7 God told me, "Don't say, 'I'm only a boy.' I'll tell you where to go and you'll go there. I'll tell you what to say and you'll say it."

8 Don't be afraid of a soul. I'll be right there, looking after you." God's Decree.

9 God reached out, touched my mouth, and said, "Look! I've just put my words in your mouth - hand-delivered!"

10 See what I've done? I've given you a job to do among nations and governments - a red-letter day! Your job is to pull up and tear down, take apart and demolish, and then start over, building and planting."

Talk together, responding to these questions:

- What does it mean to be called by God?
- What excuses do we make to ignore that call?

- How does that call take shape?
- What is God calling you to do today?

Pray together:

God, you have given me the gift of another day; may I live in gratitude. As the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring this word to me. Touch my mouth and my heart with your word today, that I may join with others in building on your word in our lives, in the church, and in the world. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."