

From the Pastor's Study . . .

Prayer for PC Jeremiah session 5 March 1, 2020

We gather on this Lord's Day —
confident that you are merciful
trusting that you are patient
hoping for yet more forgiveness...

We gather in Lent —
where we are committed to
† no more denial
† no more falsehoods
† no more “cheap grace”
† no more public religion and private atheism
† no more foolishness

We come together in the presence of your prophetic Word:

With its powerful verbs:

† Pluck up
† Tear down
† Destroy
† Overthrow
† Build
† Plant

We come ready to listen to your contestation with your people. To listen, and maybe to learn.
We come to an ancient text and we wonder about contemporary connections.

We come because we are starved for a Word from you. A Word that will last. A Word to transform.
And we are receptive to your words of consolation and hope and kindness, and forgiveness.
But for your words of indictment, and anger, and frustration, and ferocious will — not so much.
Not so much because:

† They undermine our war-effort
† they make uncertain the certitudes we rely on to know our place
† they call into question our assumed entitlements as your perpetually chosen people.
† because they infringe upon our freedoms
† because they include costly and inconvenient obligations for the others we have already committed to despise...

By your Word whole universes are made:

So send your Word to us today. Among the words of the prophet and our words to one another
— send yet again *your* Word. We promise to pay attention. To listen. And maybe to obey.