



WHEN FOOLS THINK THEY'RE FINE

Jeremiah 4 & Psalm 14



The prophet Jeremiah paints a haunting picture of chaos: the mountains quake, the land turns to desert, and the heavens grow dark. Psalm 14 echoes this with a blunt assessment: "There is no one who does good, no, not one." These passages don't allow us to pretend that the world's brokenness is merely "out there." They press us to see the truth—that sin runs through every human heart, mine and yours included.

We are not Jesus in the gospel story. We are more like the sinful woman caught in adultery, guilty and exposed. Or we are like the self-righteous Pharisees, quick to pick up stones against others. Whether through violence and hatred on the world stage, or through the quieter sins of gossip, broken promises, and selfishness, we know the pain of living in a world twisted by sin.

And yet, Jeremiah records God's stunning word: "I will not make a full end." Even in judgment, God's mercy is at work. Even when the world feels hopeless, God has a purpose that cannot fail. In Christ, God is already bringing about a day when every lost sheep is found, every prodigal welcomed home, and every tear wiped away.

As Julian of Norwich said: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." All will be well in the end. If all is not well, then it's not the end.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Worship and Praise Gathering

Fourteenth after Pentecost
September 14, 2025

Liturgical Color: White
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rob Ray

Please register your attendance on the pads found in each pew.

Prelude

God Grant with Grace
organ

arr. Walter Pelz

*Hymn of Praise

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We're Marching to Zion

Holy Baptism 11:00

George Ellis Meeks

son of Trey and Stephanie Meeks

Baptism Response

God Claims You

Words on
screen

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem

All You Works of the Lord
The Sanctuary Choir

John Behnke

Refrain: *All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord,
Praise and magnify him! All you worlds of the Lord,
Bless the Lord now and forever more.*

*You heavens, sun, and moon,
Bless now you wind and fire and heat,
Now bless the Lord forever. Refrain*

*You dews, you cold,
Now bless the Lord for evermore.
You nights, you light, you lightning,
Bless the Lord. Refrain*

*Let the earth, the mountains, and the hills praise God,
The wells and springs and seas.
The birds and beasts and cattle of the fields praise God.
Let priests and people say: Refrain*

*Doxology

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Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 & Psalm 14

Sermon

When Fools Think They're Fine

*Hymn of Commitment

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***Closing Blessing**

*Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Boud/Maxwell
organ

*Stand as you are able

Acolyte: Lila Beth Grahl Crucifer: Sadie Brooke Grahl

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- The Altar Flowers are given to celebrate a new year of Methodist Women's fellowship.
 - Our love, sympathy, and prayers are given to Gayle Borah upon the loss of her husband, Frank Borah on September 8, 2025.
 - The baby rosebuds are given to celebrate the births of
 - Eleanor Ruth Whiddon on September 11, 2025 to proud parents Kaki and Heath Whiddon.
 - Hughes Leyton Wainwright on September 11, 2025 to proud parents Avoly and Tyler Wainwright.
 - A pre-school nursery is provided for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Children's Church is provided at 11 a.m. for children 4 years of age through their completing first grade. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding these locations in the Education building.
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Weekly Schedule

Today, September 14

4 p.m. - Honduras Info Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 15

12 p.m. - Mom's Bible Study
12 p.m. - Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall
5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room
7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 16

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m. - Diving Deeper Bible Study for Women in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 17

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
4:30 p.m. - Tree House Trades in the Fellowship Hall
6 p.m. - Youth Worship and Bible Study
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 18

No walking in the FLC

Next Sunday, September 21

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing

12 p.m. - Volunteer Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
1 p.m. - Meal Packing Event in the FLC

Methodist Women Monday, September 15 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich or salad. Drinks and sides will be provided. Our program will be presented by Emilee Sheffield and Lauree Rasso of Women Reaching Our Community.

All women are invited to attend.



NEXT SUNDAY!

Volunteer Lunch 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Don't want to leave before
we pack meals?
Come eat lunch with us!

Meal Packing Event 1 p.m. in the FLC

We need you! All ages are welcome! Wear a hat or we will provide a hairnet! We will packing 15,000 meals for the hungry in different countries.

Honduras Mission Trip Info Meeting Sunday, September 14 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Our next Honduras mission trip will be March 22-29, 2026. Trip applications and \$600 deposits are due on **Monday, October 6th**. Please email Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our next Honduras team! We have a limited number of spots on our mission team, so don't wait to sign up if you are feeling led to go!