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and healing presence.

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: God Eternal, long ago you inspired the prophet Jeremiah to buy a piece of land in Judah even as war devastated the country.

People: It seemed like a foolish purchase. There was no future in it.

Leader: Yet Jeremiah believed you would restore your people

People: Grant us faith in the future of your work, that we will always be workers in your vineyard and harvesters for your fields. Amen.

Hymn:

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of

Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: your cousin Hanamel is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'" Then Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. And I bought the field at Anathoth and weighed for seventeen shekels of silver.

I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.

In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

Hymn:

Sermon: Good Investments Bill Cutler

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thou art the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Hymn -

Benediction

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In Jewish tradition, the ritual of Tashlich (which means "to cast off") is part of the Rosh Hashana celebration and is an opportunity to review our behavior over the last year and then symbolically cast away our sins and shortcomings as we throw pieces of bread into the sea as a reminder of God's promise in the prophet Micah that God is compassionate and casts all our sins into the depths of the sea.

On Friday, October 3rd, at 6:00 PM we'll have a brief, informal service of Tashlich at the shore behind Crabs Restaurant on Casino Beach. If you feel like you need a new start and that maybe a ritual of repentance, renewal, and eating challah and apples would help, feel free to join us. Bring a chair or blanket and whatever you want for your dinner to eat together afterwards!

Ways to Give!

As faithful stewards of God's blessings, we are called to give joyfully and generously. Your gifts help support the mission, ministries, and outreach of our church.

- 1. In-Person Giving Please make checks payable to: "The Beach Church"
- **2. Online Giving -** Visit our church website: thebeachchurch.com and click on the "Give" button. You can set up one-time or recurring donations
- **3. Text-to-Give -** Simply text the word "GIVE" to 850.787.9273 Complete giving information and credit/debit card details. Once complete, the information is securely saved for future gifts.
- **4. Automatic Bank Transfers -** Set up a recurring donation through your bank's bill-pay service.

5. Legacy and Planned Giving - Consider leaving a lasting legacy by including the church in your estate planning.

Are you older than 70 1/2? Make Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA for possible tax benefits. Age 73? Use QCDs to satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) (again, with possible tax benefits).

6. Zelle - Zelle users can send funds to Pensacola Beach Community United.

The Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah speaks to a people facing the collapse of their world. With fierce honesty, the prophet announces God's judgment on a community clinging to temple, monarchy, and empire rather than covenantal faithfulness. For Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann, the prophet is not a fortune-teller but a poet of grief and hope—one who dismantles the false claims of power and evokes an alternative world grounded in God's promises. In the rubble of Jerusalem, Jeremiah voices God's surprising newness: a covenant written on the heart and a future beyond exile. The book presses us to practice the hard work of relinquishing our false securities so that God's fresh possibilities may yet break into our lives.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, September 29, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35; Revelation 3:14-22;

Tuesday, September 30, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:36-44; James 5:1-6;

Wednesday, October 01, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22;

Thursday, October 02, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11; Revelation 2:8-11;

Friday, October 03, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29;

Saturday, October 04, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Lamentations 3:19-26; Lamentations 1:7-15; Matthew 20:29-34;