

*Daily Morning Message*  
*St Paul United Church of Christ*  
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*Thursday October 21, 2021*

*Lectionary Readings*

*Psalm 126*  
*Jeremiah 26:12-24*  
*Hebrews 7:11-22*

*Today's Scripture Verse:*

*But as for me, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears. (Jeremiah 26:14-15)*

What it means:

Can you imagine a time when a prophet speaking what God had put on his heart to say might lead to the prophet's death? The task of the prophet in ancient Israel was to speak the inconvenient truths as they saw them. But how could anyone judge such things? Aren't we just talking about one person's opinion? No, the prophet was called to speak the truth that was grounded in the covenant love and justice of the God of Israel. Although the word of the prophet might be controversial, it is also true that the motive for his teaching was to save the people from the consequences of wrongdoing.

Reflection:

Blessed are those who are able to hear the words of correction in God's teachings about the ways of justice and love.

