

Early Service

Teaching | Responding | Communing

Refuge for the Foreigner | Ruth 2:2-4, 8-17, 20

2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." 3 So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. 4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. 9 Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." 10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" 11 But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. 12 The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" 13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants." 14 And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. 15 When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16 And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her." 17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."

Personal Reflection Question

Reflect on a time when the Lord was kind to you. How might the Lord be asking you to show kindness to others?

Notes

Family Business

This Week

Chancel Flowers were donated this week by Fredna Mahaffey in memory of John Mahaffey and Fredna and John's parents.

Sun. Nov. 13 – Campus Ministry Committee Fall Soup Night. For Scholars, college and graduate students, and F&C friends. RSVP required.

Mon. Nov. 14 – Deadline to drop off Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to South Atrium.

Wed. Nov. 16 – MOPS Meal Prep Activity. Scan QR Code for MOPS details.

Wed. Nov. 16 – Adult Pickleball.

Th. Nov. 17 - Visitation for Gloria Van Hook has been scheduled for Thursday, November 17th at 12:00 noon at Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home. The Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 pm with Reverend Cooper McWhirter officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, North Springfield following the memorial service.

Fri. Nov. 18 – Deadline to drop off Nativity Scenes for Library Display.

Upcoming

Nov. 24 & 25 – Church office closed.

Wed. Nov. 30 – MOPS Mom's Day Out 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Sun. Dec. 4 – MSU Community Band Holiday Concert

Sun. Dec 4 – Session's Congregational Meeting to elect officers and vote to call Jamie Swope as an Associate Pastor.

Sun. Dec 4 – Hazel Ryker 100th Birthday Breakfast Social – Hosted by the 49ers Class – RSVP by Nov. 27th – Contact Mona Casady Niewald at 417-887-6898.

Wed. Dec. 7 – MOPS Mom's Christmas Party. Scan QR Code for MOPS details.

Fri. Dec. 9 through Mon. Dec. 12th – Campus Ministry Committee, F & C MSU Exam Week Ministry, 4:00-10:00 pm each day.

Sun. Dec. 11 - Noon – 2:15 pm - Celebrate! While We Wait - North Atrium

Sat. Dec. 17 – 7:30 pm - Springfield Chamber Chorus Concert: In the Footsteps of Pilgrims

Sun. Dec. 18 – Candlelight Musical Service



Leadership

Rev. Don Everts | Senior Pastor

Steve Young | Director of Operations

Jamie Swope | Associate Minister of Discipleship

Tyler Heckman | Director of Worship and Music

Dr. Jim Davidson | Advisory Director of Music/Principal Organist

Wendy Everts | Minister of Outreach

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Ruth

REDEMPITIVE KINDNESS

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Liturgical Service

Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson

Gathering Song Children’s Choir; Hannah Martin, conductor

Lord, Lead Us Day By Day

Words: Hal Hopson

Music: G.F. Handel arr. Hal Hopson

Call to Worship | Jef and Yasuko White

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord’s name be praised!

*Hymn 26

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; altr.; para. of Psalm 103

Music: John Goss, 1869

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1; Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

While it is true that we have sinned,

it is a greater truth that we are forgiven

through God’s love in Jesus Christ.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,

in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri; Music: Henry Greatorex

Anthem | Chancel Choir; Michaela Lovig, conductor

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Hymn arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,

Thou my great Father, I thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

Time for Children | Brenda Bauer

As the children come: *Jesus Loves Me*

As the children depart: *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Scripture

Ruth 1:1-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon | Jamie Swope

Ruth: Redemptive Kindness | Refuge for the Foreigner

Prayers of the People and The 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 tempta-

tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the

glory, forever. Amen.

Offering | Chancel Choir

How Great Thou Art

Swedish Folk Song

Adapted by Stuart K. Hine

Arranged by Dan Forrest

O Lord my God! O Lord my God! How great Thou art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander

and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,

sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;

that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, how great Thou art,

Then sings my soul, how great Thou art,

My God, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,

and there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

O Lord, My God!

How great Thou art!

*Hymn 809

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

*Offering Prayer

*Hymn 502

Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous

Music: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

*Benediction & Benediction Response

840 God Be With You

Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880, alt.

Music: William G. Tomer, 1880

Postlude

**Please stand if able*