



"Naomi & Ruth" by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

FBC SANCTUARY

11:00 A.M.

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(Ruth's) faithfulness and her care do not simply lead to a deeper relationship with Naomi and her own new relationship with YHWH, but also evidence how God works with us through relationships. Both Naomi and Ruth experience the inbreaking of God through their faithful relationship. An important theme to the whole narrative of Ruth is underscored in the way faithful human relationships reflect divine care and therefore the covenantal care of community.

—Dale P. Andrews

Gathering Music

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Prelude on ‘Dix’”

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* Call to Worship

Anne Munsterman

Leader: God has called us together in community,

People: God has given us to each other to be family,

All: to support one another in times of trouble and rejoice in times of happiness.

Leader: With or without a strategic plan,

People: with or without a shiny, flashy campaign,

All: we will love one another as we have been loved by God.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 310)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 318, v. 5)

“For All the Love”

ENGLEBERG

**For Christ our Lord, our Savior and our friend, upon whose love and truth our souls depend,
our hope, our strength, our joy that knows no end: Alleluia!**

* Gospel Reading

Mark 3.33-35

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 383, vs. 2)

"Near to the Heart of God"

McAFEE

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

How easy it is, O God, to overlook the very people whose labor makes our lives possible. How easy it is, O God, to change the focus to the big names who take all the credit. How easy it is, O God, to simply tell the story from an angle that never shows those behind the scenes. Forgive us when we think only the spectacular stories are worth telling, and we erase the beauty and love of those whose day-to-day commitment is the foundation of our life together. Forgive us and heal our hearts and our community, that the broken places may be made whole and the hope of your kingdom may be seen, here and now.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. We are forgiven and freed!

Morning Prayer and 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 thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

"God Thou Art Love"

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

World Mission Offering

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Ruth 1.1-17

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"The Life in Front of Us"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 686)

"God Made from One Blood"
ST. DENIO

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
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The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by the Marianne Cannavele memorial fund

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Anne Munsterman • Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen
Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson
Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Susan Pauls
Sound: Shane Schenkel • YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Cecilia Adam, who passed away October 7
John Mathis, who began chemo & radiation treatments
Local Church: Lawrence Heights Christian Church
American Baptist Churches, USA; Rev. Dr. Ron Bouthillette, serving churches of Vermont & New Hampshire
International Ministries Missionaries: Melanie Baggao and Dan & Sarah Chetti, serving in the Middle East

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The following persons have been called by this congregation to empower such ministry:

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