



*"Ruth Goes with Naomi"*  
Illustration by Arthur Szyk, 1947

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AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 19, 2025  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*Despite cultural and religious norms to the contrary, Naomi and Ruth embraced each other. They made room for one another in their hearts. Neither lost their identity in the relationship. Naomi was an Ephrathite, Ruth was a Moabite. Although Ruth adopted Naomi's faith, prior to her coming to Judah, she worshipped the gods of her people. Even that did not stop their friendship. Ruth and Naomi ... Naomi and Ruth ... theirs is a message the world needs to hear.*

– Alphonetta Wines

Gathering Music

"Friends" (Medley)

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Prelude in D-flat from *Valse-Caprice No. 2*"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Joe Karnes

Leader: How I love God's law! God's commandments and teachings are always with me.

**People: How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Leader: God's new covenant is written on our hearts so that we may all know God, young and old,  
powerful and powerless alike.

**People: How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Leader: In the Word we hear the good news of the gospel: salvation is ours through faith in Christ  
Jesus.

**People: How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 629)

"Be Strong in the Lord"

STRENGTH

\* 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!**

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 278, v 1)

"We Are Travelers on a Journey"

BEACH SPRING

\* Gospel Reading

Joe Karnes

John 16.31-33

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Faith in Action

Mark Robinson

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.*

Morning Prayer 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 temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response

"The Song of Ruth"

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## RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

World Mission Offering

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Sweet By and By"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(Those headed to Children's Church may leave now.)*

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Janis Grubbs Cobbs  
Ruth 1.14-16

Sermon

Rev. Janis Grubbs Cobbs  
"Faith in Action: Courageous Confidence"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 570)

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"  
TRUST IN JESUS

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Allegro Jubilante"

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*The flowers on the altar are given for the greater glory of God.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: Joe Karnes • Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Steve Yoder • Sound: Glenn Prescott

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Corpus Christi Catholic Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Exec. Minister Rev. Patty Bilyeu,  
serving the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region

International Ministries Global Servant: Kristy Engel, serving as a global consultant

Faith in Action Partner: Mang Sonna, Executive Director, Bethel Neighborhood Center (Kansas City, KS)

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