

Welcome in the Name of The Triune God

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Ruth and Naomi



- **Prelude by
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- **Office of the
Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**

**Scripture Focus:
Ruth, Chapter 1**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**P: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Saving God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Too often we have turned away from you and toward ourselves. We have not had unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, or a humble mind. We have repaid evil for evil. We have failed to serve. Draw us back into the joy of your beloved community, and give us eager hearts to love our neighbors.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: God who redeems all flesh gives you new life in Christ and forgives you all your sins. Rejoice in the grace and mercy of God, through ✝ Jesus Christ, our savior.

C: Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise**
“I Love You, Lord”
WOV 67



**I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
Oh, my soul, rejoice!
Take joy my King
In what You hear
Let it be a sweet,
sweet sound
In Your ear**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Merciful God, You have called to be stewards of your grace. Inspire us to serve one another with whatever gifts we have received, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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• Scripture Reading

**R: The Scripture reading is from
the book of Ruth, Chapter 1.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!
(Spoken)

- **Ruth 1**

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went

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into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

- **Ruth 1**

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two

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daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back,

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my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons,

¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from

- **Ruth 1**

marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave

- **Ruth 1**

**you or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go; Where you
lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be
my people, and your God my God.**

**¹⁷Where you die, I will die— there will I
be buried. May the Lord do thus and so
to me, and more as well, if even death
parts me from you!” ¹⁸When Naomi saw
that she was determined to go with
her, she said no more to her.**

- **Ruth 1**

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, “Is this Naomi?” ²⁰She said to them, “Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. ²¹I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when

- **Ruth 1**

the Lord has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”²² So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

- **Ruth 1**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

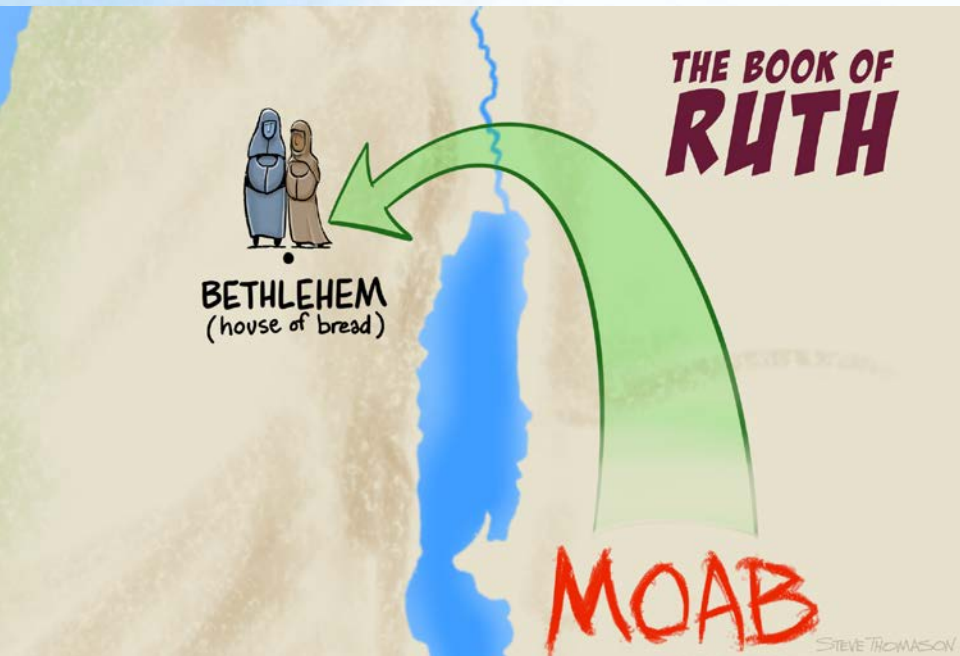
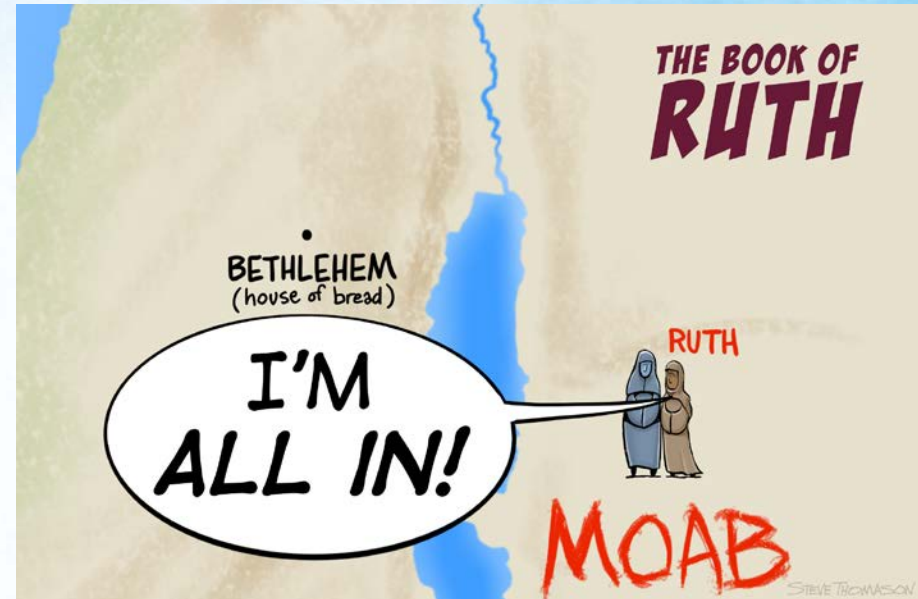
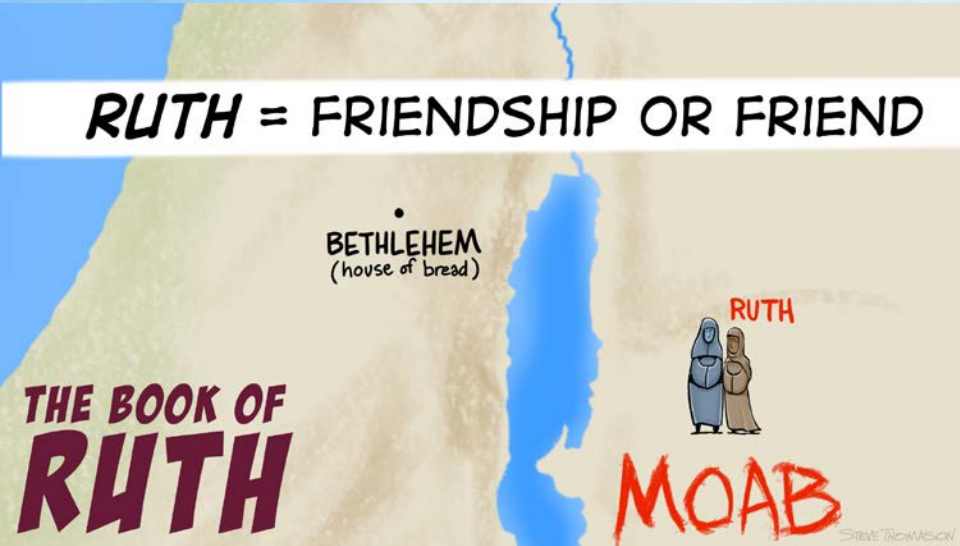
C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)



SERMON

Sermon

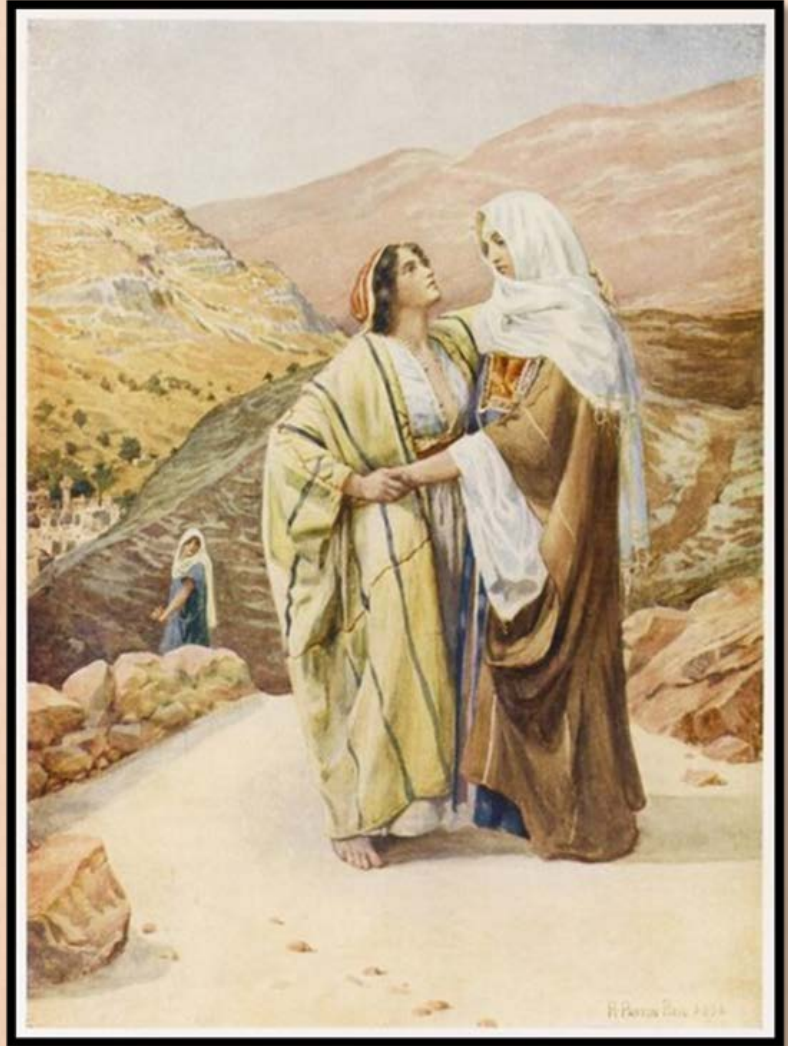
RUTH = FRIENDSHIP OR FRIEND





SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC



LARRY HARTER

* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God in your mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

C: You hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: With gratitude for your faithfulness,
we pray these things in the name of
Jesus Christ, our savior.

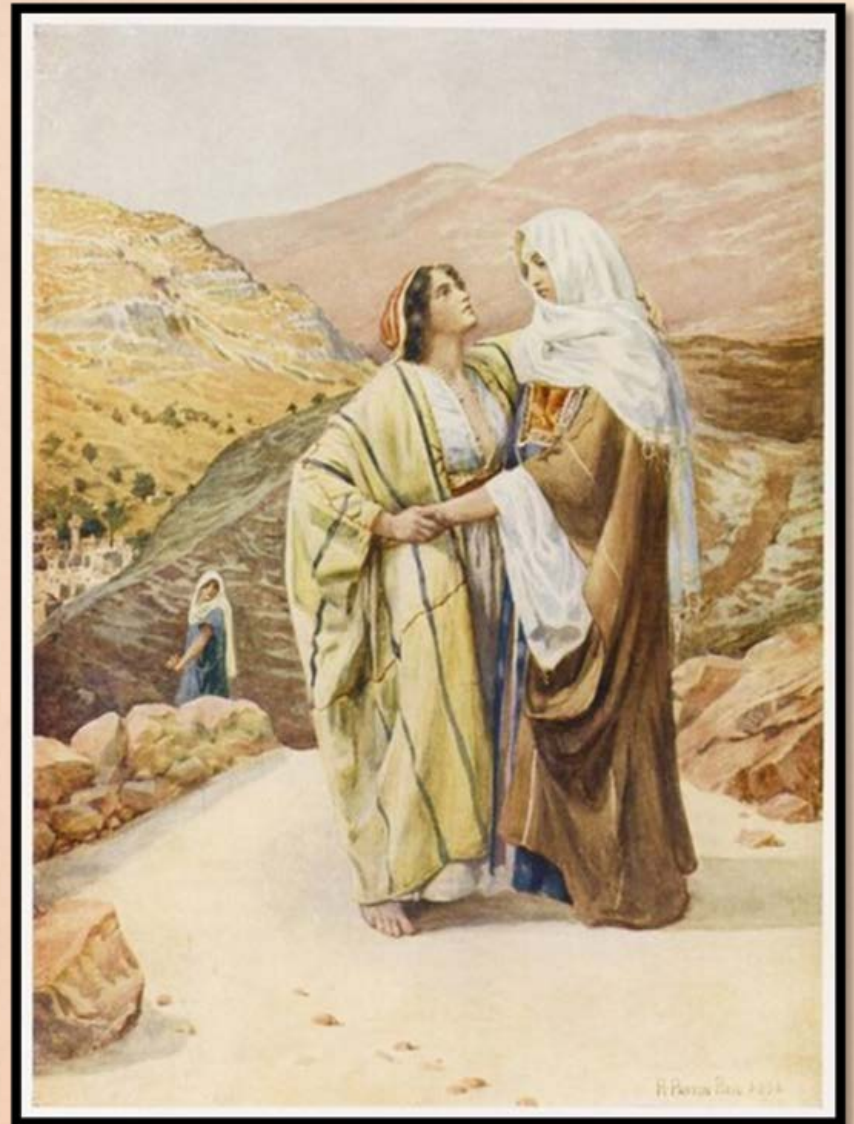
C: Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.



OFFERING PRAYER

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P: Jesus is the “tie that Binds us together”,
let us pray as Jesus taught...**

**C: 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 trespasses,**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life this day
and always.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Song
“Amazing Grace”
LBW 448**



**1 Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did
that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**3 Through many dangers,
toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought
me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised
good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield
and portion be
as long as life endures.**

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all.
Amen!**

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