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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, August 29, 2021

During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.

Meditation

MARK 10:45

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to offer himself as a ransom for many.”

Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL/ORGANIST

“Air” - Giuseppi Giordani/Landon

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

1Timothy 1:15-17

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,

People: That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom we are the foremost.

Leader: But [we] received mercy for this reason, that in us Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

People: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 38

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

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“Sunshine in My Soul” (Eliza E. Hewitt)

(piano: Marsha)

Confession of Sin

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Most 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

SARAH LITTLE

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

Ruth 4:1-22

Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, "Come over here, my friend, and sit down." So he went over and sat down. ² Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. ³ Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. ⁴ I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line." "I will redeem it," he said. ⁵ Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property." ⁶ At this, the guardian-redeemer said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it." ⁷ (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.) ⁸ So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!" ¹¹ Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. ¹² Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah." ¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her,

the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴ The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵ He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. ¹⁷ The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. ¹⁸ This, then, is the family line of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron, ¹⁹ Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, ²⁰ Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, ²¹ Salmon the father of Boaz, Boaz the father of Obed, ²² Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"Heroes"

Hymn of Response*

N^o 600

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! What e'er I do, where e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

4 And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]

Offertory Prayer

Gloria Patri *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Ruth 4:1-22
"Heroes "

I. The Hero With Character as Model

II. The Hero With a Crown as Master

The Ladies Sewing Ministry is working to fill Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child boxes. We are sewing small bears, bags, and pillow case dresses. Due to the many restrictions we would like to invite our congregation to make monetary donations instead of donating items. This will go to filling boxes and postage. Please designate "Christmas Child" on your check or envelope if giving cash. Our youth and children will pack our boxes.

*The Sewing Ministry group's next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 2nd.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Beginning September 5th, Jackie Thompson will be leading a study of the Gospel of Matthew. Everyone is invited to come, bring your Bibles, and join in the study of the first book of the New Testament.

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the Sep.-Nov. issue in the breezeway.

Ladies: Our 2021/22 Bible Study begins Sep. 7 at 9:30 a.m. Our book, "Steadfast" by Courtney Doctor can be picked up in the office. Sign the clipboard please. **Also,** a monthly offering will be taken for Harris Bond's church plant in Louisiana.

Book Study: Parents and Children will meet this evening at the church from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Parents will study *First Ask Why?* with John and Ashley Belknap leading. Children will eat, study *The Young Peacemaker*, and play. Questions??? please see Nate or Susan Inman.

Golf Tournament: There is a sign up sheet for the Will Brown Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for October 9th on the Bulletin Board. If you would be interested in participating; please sign up.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Griffin Belknap **Next Week:** Jack Inman

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00): Aug. 22	89
Live Views	15
Total Online Views	26
Sunday School	64
Last Week's Offering:	\$1,050.00
Online Giving:	\$1,725.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$268,547.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	\$229,152.00 (+32,234.00)

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Rodney and Jana Davila (Costa Rica)
 - **Ministry of the Month:** Covenant Seminary
 - **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Gary Morrison , John Thompson
 - **Child(ren) of the Week:** Jack, Kate, Lara May, and Daisy Inman
 - **College Student of the Week:** Matt Stowers
 - God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**
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- **Ruth Latham** (visiting with her husband, Skip): may have had a stroke; having tests at St. Dominics.
 - **Jimmy Carman:** is having a scan to see if he has an aneurysm (unrelated to eye issue). His eye may be improving but isn't expected to.
 - **Lois Carman:** surgery to remove her gallbladder on Friday, August 27 went well. Continue to pray for her as she recovers.
 - **Bob Nelson:** passed away; please be in prayer for the family.
 - **David Anderson:** (Kerri Matthew's uncle) had surgery on August 16; removed 80 percent of the brain tumor; waiting on future pathology reports.
 - **Erin Clayton:** fell last month and fractured her left shoulder. Surgery has been postponed due to the upsurge in Covid cases. Please pray for God's healing and for Erin's comfort and ease during this time of waiting.
 - **Jim Neill:** is recovering from a fall in which he dislocated his shoulder and got some bad gashes.
 - **Bill Glover:** Bill saw his neurologist recently and has an appointment later this month with a vascular surgeon. His pain has intensified.
 - **Cindy Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is in a nursing home now. She still needs a lot of personal care. She is making slow progress; has been able to take a few steps using a walker.
 - **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): still has not gotten her sense of smell back after having COVID-19; please pray that the blood clots that she has will go away.
 - **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; responding well to medication.
 - **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Gib Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' father): esophageal cancer; recently saw the oncologist. Over the past 2 months he has taken a turn for the worse. He has chosen hospice care.
 - **Sherrill Smith** (Jim Smith's sister): brain & lung cancer; her cancer is very aggressive, and she is in terrible pain. She is completely bedridden and is now in in-home hospice care.
 - **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. We are so very thankful and grateful to report that Jim has had another stable scan. We are so appreciative of all the pray-ers and all the prayers from our church family.
 - **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); has undergone several rounds of chemo prescribed by MDA. The tumors have remained stable; doctors are please with this, as there are ongoing studies and trials which seem promising. This stability buys time in hopes that a new treatment will emerge that will be successful.
 - **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; spread to his bones; admitted to St. Jude; started chemo Jan 27th.
 - **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
 - **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking; receiving treatment.
 - **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
 - **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
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- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, , Laverne Roberts
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- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (Fort Campbell, KY; Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)