

# Brandon Presbyterian Church

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## Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, August 8, 2021

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

### Meditation

*ESTHER & RUTH: REFORMED EXPOSITORY COMMENTARY*

"If Naomi in her self-pitying myopia failed to look back to God's grace..., what about us as we face our trials? What do we need to remember? The gospel is the fundamental answer to Naomi's need and to our need. Tremendous asset that she will prove to be, Ruth is not the final answer to Naomi's needs. Ruth is simply a pointer to the gospel, a small symbol of God's grace that pointed Naomi to the great symbols of God's grace. The gospel is the fundamental answer for our lack of trust in God." - Iain Duguid

### Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL/ORGANIST

"Prelude in G Minor" - Bach

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship \*

PSALM 27

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**People: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

Leader: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,

**People: O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,**

### O God of my salvation!

Leader: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

**People: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!**

Leader: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

**People: Wait for the LORD!**

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>: 2

"O Worship the King"

**1** O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

**2** O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

**3** The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old; has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

**4** Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

### Invocation \*

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>: 253

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" (William Cowper)

**1** There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:

lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;

and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

**2** The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;

and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:

washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;

and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

**3** E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,

redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:

and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;

redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

4 Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Confession of Faith WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH 5.1

God the great Creator of all things upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his certain foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness and mercy.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music JACKIE THOMPSON

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

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

Reading of Holy Scripture Ruth 1:6-22

<sup>6</sup>When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup>and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.”

<sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— <sup>13</sup>would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my

daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD’s hand has turned against me!” <sup>14</sup>At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” <sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. <sup>19</sup>So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?” <sup>20</sup>“Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. <sup>21</sup>I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.” <sup>22</sup>So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

Sermon DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Real Suffering, Real Hope”

Hymn of Response\* N<sup>o</sup> 465

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving God”

1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

**Refrain**

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

2 Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. [Refrain]

3 Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

Offertory Prayer

Doxology \*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Benediction

\*Congregation Standing

### Sermon Notes

Ruth 1:6-22

“ Real Suffering, Real Hope ”

I. Real Suffering

A. Suffering Really Stinks

B. God’s Really Sovereign

C. We’re Really Responsible

II. Real Hope

A. Rays of Hope

B. Ruth-Like Hope

C. Redemptive Hope

### Announcements

**Thank You:** The thank you card from Dr. Waters is on the bulletin board.

**Swim Party:** Back to School Swim Party! BPC children and their families are invited to a swim party at The Club at Crossgates on Friday, August 13 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Snacks will be provided. Questions?? See Nate or Susan Inman.

**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. Thank you, Buford.

**2021 Offering Envelopes:** Offering envelopes are in the breezeway.

**BELL RINGERS: Today:** Daisy Inman **Next Week:** Graham Belknap

### ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Aug. 1	93
Live Views		10
Total Online Views		22
Sunday School		70
Last Week’s Offering:		\$8,244.00
Online Giving:		\$530.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$249,973.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$214,830.00 (+35,143.00)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God .

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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:** Scotty Dickey, Andrew Rush
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Jonathan Dickey
- **College Student of the Week:** Jesse Dickey
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **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.
- **Frank Clayton:** making great progress; walking with no pain and can drive again.
- **Jimmy Carman:** still no diagnosis on his eye problem; waiting for one more test on July 8th. May possibly be a nerve-muscle disconnect.
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (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.

Dear Brandon Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you so much for the warm send-off on Sunday morning. I so appreciated being able to see and greet so many of you, and was grateful for the doughnuts and the coffee! The gift of the book, the plants, and the candle, as well as the cards, mean so much to Sarah and to me, and remind us of your love and concern. It has been a privilege and joy to serve you these three months, and we'll continue to pray for you in days ahead.

May the Lord grant John a continued, fruitful ministry as he resumes his service as your pastor.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Guy Waters

- **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 Vredevelde** (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. My daughter, Jennifer and her daughter, Mia and I are going to WI on Saturday, July 24, to go see him and will probably head back home on July 29.
- **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 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **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)



- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, , Laverne Roberts



- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (S. Korea; Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)