

“What’s Ruth Got To Do With This?”



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After Pentecost**
October 31, 2021
10:00 a.m.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME Pastor Mary

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*OPENING HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" # 272 (vs 1,3,4,5)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary

Leader: Listen and hear, all you people of the book! There is one God who created all time and space.

People: Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth. All creatures of the land and sea come from God.

Leader: You shall love God with all your heart and soul. You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

People: We will praise God as long as we live. We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.

Leader: A second commandment is like the first; You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

People: God watches over strangers and widows and orphans. We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Reigning God, we have viewed the work of your hands. Where there is justice for the oppressed, we sense your presence. Where the hungry are fed, we know the providers are working with you. You set prisoners free and open the eyes of the blind. You lift up those who are bowed down and sustain the righteous with your love. We worship a God who is living and active. We give thanks that you call us to join the action, to love you and one another more than the rituals of our religion or the satisfaction of our successes. Focus us now on all that is worthy of our praise. Amen.

*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri # 614

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And Also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Love the Lord"

SCRIPTURE Ruth 1: 1-18
Mark 12: 28-34 (NRSV)

SERMON "What's Ruth Got To Do With This?" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Our energies and our resources are claimed by whatever is truly most important to us. If God is at the center of our lives, that will be apparent in what we give. From God we have received love so amazing that a lifetime of thanks is inadequate response.

OFFERTORY "You Are So Good To Me" Katie Maurer
(Chaffer, Pasley, & Pasley/Arr. Wyrzten)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from you. We return a portion with joy to accomplish the work we intend to do together in your name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by you, so that while we are apart our words and deeds will continue to be a significant offering. May our lives praise you! Amen.

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" #288 (vs.1,2,3,6)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Katie Maurer