

**Worship Outline for September 27, 2020**  
**Risking Redemption: Ruth 3**

**COUNTDOWN**

**OPENING SEQUENCE**

**ONLINE GREETER:** Laura Hannah

**OPENING VERSE:** Rachael

**Romans 12:9-10 (CEB)**

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other.

**PRELUDE**

*I Danced in the Morning*  
arr. Wilbur Held

**OPENING PRAYER**

***God of Ruth and Naomi, of hope in bitterness, harvest in hunger, life in death, we offer our prayers of blessing on the feet and lives of all people. You, Lord, are born in our resistance to injustice and you invite us to take the risk of being redeemed. Invite us into solidarity as we worship you, and as you lead us to life and justice. Amen.***

**SONG FROM BRIAN**

*How Great Thou Art*  
Hymn Arrangement by Brian Schroeder

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout  
The universe displayed

When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

#### **OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Good Sam, Building, General)**

**Here in this place, there are no foreigners,  
for all are welcome in God's house.**

**Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,  
for love is the language of faith.**

**Here in our lives, there are no divisions,  
for God dwells in each of us.**

**Bless the gifts received this week, and may they be used to further your kingdom. amen.**

## READING OF RUTH 3 ( CEB)

*Harris with text/images video*

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shouldn’t I seek security for you, so that things might go well for you? Now isn’t Boaz, whose young women you were with, our relative? Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. You should bathe, put on some perfume, wear nice clothes, and then go down to the threshing floor. Don’t make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, notice the place where he is lying. Then go, uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what to do.”

Ruth replied to her, “I’ll do everything you are telling me.”

So she went down to the threshing floor, and she did everything just as her mother-in-law had ordered.

Boaz ate and drank, and he was in a good mood. He went over to lie down by the edge of the grain pile. Then she quietly approached, uncovered his legs, and lay down. During the middle of the night, the man shuddered and turned over—and there was a woman lying at his feet. “Who are you?” he asked.

She replied, “I’m Ruth your servant. Spread out your robe over your servant, because you are a redeemer.”

He said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter! You have acted even more faithfully than you did at first. You haven’t gone after rich or poor young men. And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I’ll do for you everything you are asking. Indeed, my people - all who are at the gate—know that you are a woman of worth. Now, although it’s certainly true that I’m a redeemer, there’s a redeemer who is a closer relative than I am. Stay the night. And in the morning, if he’ll redeem you—good, let him redeem. But if he doesn’t want to redeem you, then—as the Lord lives—I myself will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.”

So she lay at his feet until morning. Then she got up before one person could recognize another, for he had said, “No one should know that the woman came to the threshing floor.” He said, “Bring the cloak that you have on and hold it out.” She held it out, and he measured out six measures of barley and placed it upon her. Then she went into town.

She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How are you, my daughter?”

So Ruth told her everything the man had done for her. She said, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said to me, ‘Don’t go away empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’”

“Sit tight, my daughter,” Naomi replied, “until you know how it turns out. The man won’t rest until he resolves the matter today.”

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **SERMON**

*Laura*

### **HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation*

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee  
O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God  
And will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

### **PASTORAL PRAYER (Rachael)**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **CLOSING SONG**

### **BENEDICTION (Laura)**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Grand March*

*William Stickle*