

Transformed By Grace Poured Out For Others

2 October 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Again, this was a stunning, unheard-of favor! Certainly, the law never called for such a thing...Had Boaz fallen in love with Ruth? Or did he act simply from familial devotion?...And Boaz modeled another aspect of devotion: he generously gave from what he had to those in need. Indeed, he treated Ruth as kindly as Yahweh treated Israel.

-Robert Hubbard on Ruth 2:12-13

Welcome!

We're glad you're here! If you are a newcomer, visitor, or guest:

- Please take a **Zion coffee mug** from the welcome table in the foyer!
- Nursery is provided for children up to age 3 during Sunday school and both morning services.
- Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults are at 9:45.
- **Children's Church** is also available in the 11:00 service for children ages 3-5. The children gather just before the sermon and return during the final hymn.
- Busy Bags for young children are hanging on racks at the back of the worship hall.
- Please explore the rest of your worship folder for opportunities to connect and serve at Zion. We're glad you're here!

Worship at Zion

The Zion worship service has a structure and sequence that reflects the way scripture shows how God meets his people. God has made himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, who took on human flesh, bled and died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand, intercedes for us now, and will come again to receive us at the end. The church assembles on the Lord's day to name the name of Jesus, which is above every name.

- We enter his courts with thanksgiving and praise
- We kneel before him in confession and repentance
- We stand and hear again the Gospel's promise of mercy and forgiveness
- We bring our tribute offerings to our King
- We hear the voice of God from scripture
- We eat at the table Jesus has provided for us
- We depart with his blessing and promise that He will be with us until he comes for us again.

THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

By God's grace Zion Church will be a Christ-centered ministry committed to worship God by proclaiming the truth of Scripture and relating to one another on the basis of the transforming power of the Gospel.

As God's people living in community, we will equip one another to pour out our lives for Christ at home, in the city, on the campus, across the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision rests upon the supernatural work of Christ who alone can build His church through the Spirit's work in our lives together.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song — Oh My Soul

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 37:3-6

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Worship Through Confession and Praise

† Come Into His Presence With Singing

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent (Trinity Hymnal 193) Our Great God There Is One Gospel

Pastoral Prayer

Confession of Faith — *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Preparation for Confession Luke 17:3-6

Leader: Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

All: The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Silent Confession of Sin

† Declaration of Grace 2 Timothy 1:8-9

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

+ Song of Gratitude

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (Trinity Hymnal 468)

Giving Moment

Doxology

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Preaching of the Word

Series: The Ancestry of Jesus

Title: "Blessed Be The Man Who Took Notice of You"

Text: Ruth 2 (pew Bible p. 222)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

A Cappella: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Trinity Hymnal 252)

The communion trays have wine in the outside ring of wine-colored cups and a juice option in the inner ring of clear cups.

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing with their home congregation are welcome to join us at the Lord's table today.

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† Hymn of Celebration

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Trinity Hymnal 521)

† Benediction

Postlude

The Ancestry of Jesus "Blessed Be the Man Who Took Notice of You"

Ruth 2 (pew Bible p. 222)

Sermon Notes: October 2, 2022

Problem: We don't recognize our exaltation in Christ in the midst of life's humiliations. Big Idea: We must be comforted because in Christ we are exalted.

I. Ruth's Humiliation

II. Ruth's Exaltation

III. Naomi's Realization

Questions for Further Discussion:

- Why do you think Boaz asks, "Whose young woman is this?" (v. 5)
- What is Ruth's surprise? What did she probably expect? What actually happened? (vv. 7-13)
- What is special to Naomi about the fact that Ruth happened to meet Boaz?
- How is Ruth's humiliation and exaltation similar to that of Jesus?
- How can our own humiliations be changed to exaltation in Jesus?
- What comfort can this transformation of humiliation bring to your daily life?

Ruth 2

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3 So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. 4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. 7 She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest." 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. 9 Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." 10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" 11 But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. 12 The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" 13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants." 14 And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. 15 When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16 And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her." 17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 And she took it up and went into the city.

Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. 19 And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." 20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." 21 And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest." 22 And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." 23 So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

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Weekly Events: zionpca.com/groups

Tuesdays, 9:30am: Women's Bible study in the Hearth Room (*Book of Judges*) Wednesdays, 6:00pm: Zion Connection: dinner, nursery, Kids Club, ZYG, adults Thursdays, 6:30am: Men's Bible study in the Coffee House (*Book of Luke*) Thursdays, 7:00pm: Women's Bible study in the Hearth Room (*Book of Colossians*) Saturdays, 8:30am: Foodnet Distribution

Upcoming Events: zionpca.com/calendar

Men's Monthly Breakfast and Lunch: October 5

All men are invited to share a meal on the first Wednesday of each month.

- Breakfast: Meet at 6:30am at Engine House Cafe (6028 Havelock Ave)
- Lunch: Meet at noon at Hiway Diner (2105 Hwy 2)

Come to one or the other - or both if you like!

Anxiety Support Group: October 5

Pastor Stu leads this group from 6:00-7:00pm in the North Fellowship classroom for those who suffer from Generalized Anxiety Disorder. The goal is to provide peer support, information, and practical help by sharing our experiences.

Zion Missions Rummage Sale: October 6-8

Proceeds from our rummage sale go towards mission causes such as our Mexico trip and Operation Christmas Child. Contact Jill Greff (greffjill@gmail.com) for info on donations and ways to serve before and during the sale.

Fall Fest: October 9

Join us for Fall Fest! Come out to the Kment farm (705 C Rd, Palmyra), starting at 5:00pm, and bring a side if you're able. Enjoy walking tacos, hayrack rides, a bonfire, and fabulous evening of fellowship. There are some logs to sit on around the fire, but you may wish to bring your own bag chair.

Choir Rehearsal Kickoff: October 18

Join our Advent choir! Come to our kickoff rehearsal on Tuesday the 18th, 6:45-7:45pm in the Hearth Room. Most of our rehearsals will be Tuesdays, and we will sing Dec.18th & Dec.24th. Contact Gina Tuck ginatuck@gmail.com.

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/plan-a-visit

8:30: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall Streaming to zionpca.com/livestream & Facebook (@zionpca)

9:45: Education Hour for all ages

11:00: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall Streaming to Hearth Room

No Zion Connection October 5th

We will resume Connection on Wednesday, Oct.12th with dinner at 6pm and places for all ages from 7-8pm. Contact Frances Bernhardson and Rachel Papik (connection@zionpca.com) with any food allergies or to serve on a kitchen or cleanup team.

Nursery: zionpca.com/nursery

The Zion Nursery blesses families by allowing parents to worship and serve while knowing their children are in safe and loving hands. Nursery care is available during both services and the Education Hour. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director **Kelsey Nyenhuis** (nursery@zionpca.com).

How to Give at Zion

God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the offering **box in the foyer**, or use this QR code to go to our website's giving page (**zionpca.com/give**). You can also Venmo @**Zion-Church-2**.

Elder and Deacon Nominations

If you have suggestions for new Elder and Deacon officers, please submit their names to the church office, or speak to any Pastor or current Elder.

Christmas Eve and Day Services

Christmas Eve services will be 4:30pm & 6:00pm, and our one Christmas Day service will be 10:00am.

Where Are You?

For service, small groups, and social events, we have three Adult Fellowships based on your location in Lincoln:

- North: North of Pioneers Boulevard, and west of 56th Street
- South: South of Pioneers Boulevard, and south of Highway 2
- East: East of 56th Street and north of Highway 2



Fall Electives

- North Classroom—Pastor Keith

 Pastoral Epistles

 (1&2 Timothy, Titus)
- South Classroom—**Jon Papik**Every Good Endeavor

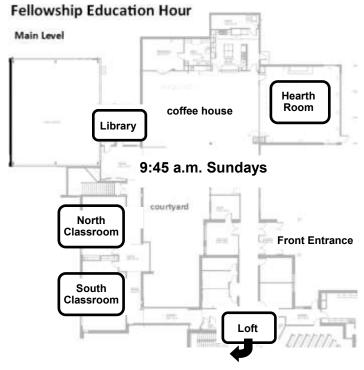
 (theology of work)
- Loft Room—John Anderson Creation Regained (reformational worldview)
- Hearth Room—Pastor Tag

 People To Be Loved

 (biblical sexuality)
- Library—Pastor Stu

 Just Looking

 (new-to-Zion orientation, Q&A)





Conversion on the Way to Damascus, Caravaggio, 1601

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Oh My Soul

Travis Cottrell, David Moffit, Jeff Pardo



[repeat 3 times, then to Chorus]

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20



Our Great God



Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
 Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
 Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
 Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

Chorus

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
 Let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth,
 Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
 Praise God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

Chorus 2x

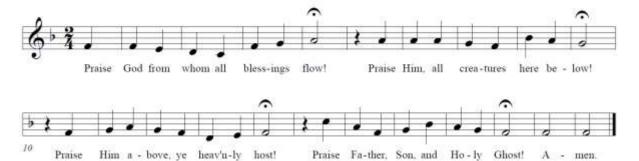
There Is One Gospel



While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8



Doxology



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14



No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11



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COMMITTED TO GOD'S TRUTH

We believe in a holy God who exists eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, and we hold to it as our authority in all matters of faith and life.

We believe all people are sinners, justly deserving God's displeasure, and incapable of saving themselves.

We believe that Jesus Christ – God the Son who became man – lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to accomplish our salvation. We receive this gracious gift through faith alone.

We believe the Holy Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and grow in holiness.

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

For more explanation and resources go to zionpca.com/beliefs

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