



*"Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people and your God my God."*

RUTH

October 15, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God, whose love invites and welcomes us here.

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(inspired by Ruth 1 and Mark 12)*

L: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

ALL: for all are welcome in God's house.

L: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

ALL: for love is the language of faith.

L: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

ALL: for God dwells in each of us.

L: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

HYMN *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *The Love of God* VT 162
Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Ruth 1:1-19a; Mark 3:31-35*
HYMN *Bless the Arms That Comfort* VT 527

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Generosity Moment - MCC Meat Canner
Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

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Sound: Earl Ediger
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Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode
Nursery: Cindy Kroeker
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige
Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger
Children's Time: Carol Moore
Scripture Reader: Calvin Nisly
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh
Generosity Moment: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a visible sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, and our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to grow and rule in our hearts, minds and lives.

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Becoming A People of God*
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Salt and Light Bible Study
- **ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS:** *"Inside Out"* Spiritual Formation Study
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS:** meets in the library

Also TODAY during fellowship time in the foyer

EMS Training for the AED (automated external defibrillator)

WNAF - Focus on Humanity: Voices of Local Impact

Our fall Wednesday Nights at First (WNAF) sessions continue on

October 18, 25, November 1 and 8.

5:30-6:20 Dinner // 6:30-7:30 Adult Program (+ children's activities)

Each evening we'll hear from one or two local service agencies about their current work in the community. ***We rely on your donations to cover the cost of meals and providing honorariums to our speakers.*** If you can help prepare the Nov 8 meal or could help with children's programming, please let Pastor Tonya know!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **October 18** – WNAF (Wednesday Night @ First)
- **October 29** – FMC's Budget Meeting (10:55am – fellowship hall)
- **October 30-31** – MCC Meat Canner – N. Newton MCC Center
- **October 31** – Donuts on the Lawn
- **November 15** – We'll Leave Our Lights On (community food drive)
- **December 3** – FMC'S Annual Meeting, with Silent Auction & Lunch



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