

A United Church Service
Call to worship

This is the Sabbath
of the Lord our God
This is his holy house
Let us worship God
in reverence and
faith

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Invocation Prayer.

Our Father God
on this thy day
of rest we meet
in this thy house
We come to thee for
comfort and guidance
knowing that we
in ourselves are too
weak without thy
divine aid. May
we go hence refreshed
in soul ~~and~~ and
may we continue

to find grace in
thy sight during the
coming week. Teach
us the value and comfort
of prayer and give us
understanding hearts
so that we may help
one another and in
doing so glorify thy
name on earth.

Amen.

Hymn 529.

Awake, my soul,
and with the sun,
Thy daily stage of
duty run

Responsive Reading.

Selection 731

Scripture Reading.

Reut Chap. 1. v=1-9
and v=14-22.

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The Lord Bless to us
this portion of the
Holy Scripture .
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Prayer.

Our Father in
Heaven who sees
so well what each
one of us does and
comprehends how
infinitely we are
made, comfort and
guide us this day
and all days.

Bless all those gathered
together in thy
name this day.
By their example
may they encourage

others to turn to thee
and worship thee
and gain the comfort
that only thou canst
give

Comfort those who are
lonely. Those to whom
everything seems lost.

Reach out and touch
them in thy goodness
so that they shall be
no more alone and
shall understand that
greater comfort which

can come only
from thee.

We ask thy blessing
on those who are ill
this day and are
on beds of pain. May
they remember that
suffering undergone
by thy Dear son and
our Saviour Jesus
Christ and through
him find comfort
and joy

Bless all peoples of
all nations and
write in our hearts that
Thou art truly the God
of all peoples regardless
of race color or creed

We asky thy blessing
on those in authority
over us, our beloved King
and the Royal family and
all the counsellors of
nations that they may
learn that the ways
of peace are thy ways

We ask this our
morning prayer
in the name of
Him who taught us
when we pray to
say .

Our Father which
art in Heaven .

Offering

As we have so
bounteously received so
likewise let us fully
give

Your offering will
now be presented

Lord Bless these our
gifts to thee for of
thine own hand we
returned thee

Dr. Pearson will be back
for the first Sunday in Aug.

Announcements.

Missionary Society will take
the service here next Sunday &
Children will go

downtown for lantern

slides during singing
of last verse of next
hymn

Hymn 4~~4~~6

Guide me oh thou
great Jehovah.

Pilgrim through the
barren land.

Address for
Church Service Shoal Lake
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Ruth.

CH/ : 16 v.

And Ruth said,
Intreat me not to
leave thee, or to return
from following after
thee, for whithersoever
thou goest, I will go; and
where thou lodgest I
will lodge; Thy
people shall be my people
and thy God my God.

Of all the stories of
the old Testament perhaps
this short four chapter
book has one of the
greatest appeals. Here
we have everyday
living in retrospect. The

grandeur of achievement
and the rich lasting
reward of work well done

As we view the story I
think we are apt to
pass over it too lightly
thus missing some of
the pleasure and assistance
we can gain from it.

In the first place Naomi,
married to one of her own
people journeyed with her
husband and two
sons to a foreign land.

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They journeyed out
of their own country
because of famine.

And evidently found
welcome in the country
of their love because
we read of both sons
being married to

Mosaicist women one
of whom was Ruth
of our story.

However like settlers
in all new lands
and dwellers in every

land hard times
came upon them and
we read of Naomi
losing first her husband
and then her two
sons and finally
because of famine
once more deciding
to journey back to
the land of her birth.

Now we have the
touching scene of the
two daughters in
law taking care of

their mother-in-law
and of Ruth's determination to accompany
Naomi. In the 16th
verse of the first chap.
we have one of the
greatest assertions of
faith of all time. A
renunciation forever of
ones own land and
the unqualifying
acceptance of whatever
the new land had
to offer. A trust in God!

One of the things
that stand out most
sharply about the
character of Ruth
and one of the
points so often missed
in the story is
the fact that immediately
on their arrival Ruth
looked round to find
out what she could
do and wherein she
could be of use
to herself and her mi-

There was no such thing in those days as relief and forty four weeks. That is evident by the determination with which Ruth set out to glean in the fields of Naomi's rich relative Boaz. It is evident by the reply of Boaz's foreman that the girl had worked long and arduously and had

not spared herself
even taking as
short a while as
possible to eat at
noon.

Boag must have been
well conversant with what
Ruth had done for Naomi
because in Chap. 2:11
we have him telling Ruth
of his reason for
the assistance she
received.

4/ Another thing we
sometimes miss in
this lovely little story
is the fact that both
resident and stranger
have a part to play
in mutual acceptance
of each other.

We must always
try to read between
lines in some of these
stories and my surmise
is that Boy's attention
was first drawn to

But by the
thorough way she
was gartering the
grains behind the
reapers. It may be
that near starvation
in her own country
had taught her to
be prudent and
careful or it may
have been a part
of her character or
early training.

We of the present
day could well draw
a lesson from the
character of this
Proverbial woman.

Orderly so thorough
in her work that
she was sought out
immediately by the
owner of the field
she finished what she
undertook and
needed no foreman
or inspector to see

that her work
was well done. How
different from the
present day of rush
and hurry and
mass production by
machinery. ¶

All too often we
find that work
on an article has
been tardily done
every little sign of
pride of workmanship
is now evident in

the things we buy
and often the man
that works and loves
his work or trade
is scoffed at by his
fellow men with such
remarks as "Take it
easy there is always
another day." or
"Why work yourself
to death for someone
else. I tell you can
overdo it maybe
but one thing sure
character"

the man that
depends on an
inspector to find the
flaws in his work
is not doing much
to build up his character.

After all when we are
called upon to leave
this world we can
take nothing with us.
Our property may be
divided among those
remaining but it is
our character that lives

in the minds of others
and many a man
has prospered by trying
to live up to some ideal
character. In fact in
the new testament we
have Jesus often saying
"follow me"

What of comfort can
we get from the story
of Ruth. We are not told
nor am I well enough
acquainted with Biblical
History to know whether

Ruth still lived when
her grandson David was
born. It may be so
that from this quiet
Moorish woman who
did her work so faithfully
and well the grandson
David acquired some
of his songs of praise
one of which we read
today for our responsive
reading. However this
stands out that
character is built not

from the big spectacular
things we do but from
the myriad little everyday
tasks done uncomplaining^{ly}
and often devoid of all
thanks. Ruth's character
came from performing the
everyday tasks of the
home, we can be sure
they were well done
else the Book of Ruth
would not have been
included in a
history like our Bible.

So to those who
are tired and discouraged
I would say read
the Book of Ruth and
wonder about it. It
is as short and
complete a history of
the domestic life of
men and women as
it is possible to procure
It lives with us today
and is repeated every
moment of time

Here was a woman
who uncomplainingly
accepted a new land
and all it had to offer.

She never wavered once
she had set her foot
upon the road west
hawaii and accepted her
God as her own and
all the change of custom
that must have entailed.
Her reward was most
rich and lasting in
that she lives for all time

in the story of a
beautiful character of
Biblical times. The
Grandmother of a
great King in Israel
and the ancestor of
Jesus of Nazareth.

Hymn - closing
306. How sweet the
name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear.

Benediction

The Lord Bless you
and keep you. The
Lord make his face to
shine upon you and
give you peace, now
and forevermore

Amen.

Hymns . 529 .

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Psalm - Response

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Scripture: Ruth. Chap. 1

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Notes for himmupog

Mrs. Walter Longthorpe
Ph. 32-6-2

Sister is widow - Allowance?