

### **Ruth 3:1-18 (NRSV)**

#### *Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor*

**3** Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup> Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup> Now wash and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup> When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” <sup>5</sup> She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

<sup>6</sup> So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. <sup>7</sup> When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet and lay down. <sup>8</sup> At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! <sup>9</sup> He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.” <sup>10</sup> He said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. <sup>11</sup> And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. <sup>12</sup> But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. <sup>13</sup> Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do it. If he is not willing to act as next-of-kin for you, then, as the LORD lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning.”

<sup>14</sup> So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, “It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” <sup>15</sup> Then he said, “Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. <sup>16</sup> She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How did things go with you, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, <sup>17</sup> saying, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, ‘Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’ ” <sup>18</sup> She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today.”



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

## Sunday

November 21, 2021, “The Reign of Christ”  
“Uncovering and Recovering”

### GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements		Darrel Knoll
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 862	Darrel Knoll
*Hymn	Somlandela	VT 566
The Psalm	The Majesty of God’s Rule	Psalm 93

*The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.*

**He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

*The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.*

**More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!**

***Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.***

Hymn	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven!	VT 75
Time for Children		Lenna Knoll

### SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Hymn	Our God in Heaven	VT 673

## LISTENING

The Lesson  
Sermon

Uncovering and Recovering

Ruth 3:1-18  
Pastor Tom

## RESPONDING

Hymn  
Sending  
Postlude

For We Are Strangers No More

VT 409  
Pastor Tom  
Shirley Baltzer

***A WARM WELCOME TO ALL*** *who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you watch this service!*

**The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday to celebrate Thanksgiving.**

**Watch for simple expressions of beauty in the church foyer and sanctuary** that will be put in place today by a small group in preparation for the first Sunday of Advent. And, yes, we'll be having a Christmas Eve Service! More details to follow soon from the Worship Committee.

**'TIS THE SEASON FOR ANNUAL REPORTS!** The deadline is **December 15** this year for your annual reports to be submitted to the office. Thank you for your hard work throughout the year, committee and council members!

**Last Chance for Peppernuts!** A few ½ lb. bags of peppernuts remain from our sale at the Arts & Crafts Fair. After today, they will be sold at another outlet. The price is \$6 per bag and two for \$11.

**Christmas Boxes for Our College Students!** Time for our annual box of goodies for our college students! Boxes will be available in the fellowship hall today, Nov. 21, and next Sunday, Nov. 28. For seven boxes, bring something fun to eat and/or practical items, such as sticky notes, mechanical pencils, pens, reusable or disposable face masks, hand sanitizer, hot chocolate packets, microwave popcorn, spiced cider packets, fruit snacks and notes of encouragement. This is especially helpful to them at the end of the fall semester! Our students are Sarah Diener, Caleb Diener, Stephanie Hiebert, Joe Knoll, Carson Linnens, Brodie Rathbone and Landon Roberts.

**Hesston College, the Peacing It Together Foundation and the Wichita Global Faith In Action Organization invite you to the *I Go On Singing* show featuring Anthony Brown today, Sunday, Nov. 21 at 3**

**p.m.** This event will take place at the lasis Christian Center, 1914 E. 11th St. North, an African American congregation in the Wichita community. Anthony Brown, internationally acclaimed baritone singer, will present an original tribute to Paul Robeson, a towering figure in 20th century American History.

**Tabor College is pleased to present Handel's Messiah today, Sunday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts. The Tabor College Concert Choir, conducted by Dr. Greg Zielke, is joined by alumni and the Tabor Messiah Orchestra to offer this free performance. Reserved seating is required, and tickets are now available at [tabor.edu/tickets](http://tabor.edu/tickets). An offering will be received, and food donations are encouraged to benefit the Hillsboro Area Ministerial Association.

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble's Winter Concert is Mon., Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.** at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

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