

June 6th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me

People: And let us exalt His name together.

Opening Hymn #53 *“Let All Things Now Living”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Trustee Report – Kurt Bublick

Honoring Our Graduate – AJ Strickle

Scripture: Ruth 1:8-22 OT page 241

Sermon: Call Me Mara

Time of Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Communion

Closing Hymn #75 *“God Is So Good”*

Offering Reminder (*online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org*)

Charge and Blessing

Benediction #842 *“Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace”*

Postlude

Please join us in the Marsh Room after worship
for a fellowship hour honoring AJ Strickle.

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- Last week: consequences of obeying God and teaching next generation
- This week: what happened to Naomi, what can open the door to bitterness, how can we recover?

WHAT HAPPENED?

- Elimelech and Naomi went to Moab
- Sons married Moabite women
- Elimelech and his two sons died
- Naomi tries to send daughters-in-law away

NAOMI'S TRANSFORMATION

- Chapter 1 – bitter and ashamed
- Chapter 2 – begins looking out for Ruth
- Chapter 3 – Naomi becomes a matchmaker
- Chapter 4 – Boaz and Ruth marry and Ruth has a son who is in the line of Christ

WHAT LEADS TO BITTERNESS?

- Loss, betrayal by others, betrayed by self, perceived betrayal by God
- Hebrews 12:15 – *See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled.*
- Ephesians 4:31-32 – *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

HOW CAN WE RECOVER?

- Naomi began to trust Ruth, and then trust God.
- Praise
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – *Give thanks in all circumstances.* Not “for” all circumstances
- Repentance
- Where is there a hurt in your life? Where are you bitter?

Opening Hymn #53

“Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o’er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving; to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Closing Hymn #75

“God Is So Good”

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, he’s so good to me!
He answers prayer, he answers prayer, he answers prayer he’s so good to me!
He cares for me, he cares for me, he cares for me, he’s so good to me!
I love him so, I love him so, I love him so, he’s so good to me!

Benediction #842

“Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace”

Lord, let us now depart in peace, who in thy name are gathered here;
disclose the brightness of thy face, and be forever near. Amen.