

APRIL 30, 2023

EVENING

**Order of Worship**

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 109:30-31*

With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD; I will praise him in the midst of the throng. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.

**Invocation**

\* Hymn Supplement pg. 76

**"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

***Westminster Confession of Faith 5.5***

*All-wise Providence*

The most wise, righteous, and gracious God doth oftentimes leave, for a season, His own children to manifold temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and, to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon Himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.

**\* Scripture Reading**

**New Testament:** *Matthew 23:37-39* (Man's Duty to Be Gathered)

\* **Pastor:** This is the Word of our God.

\* **Congregation:** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

**Pastoral Prayer**

\* Hymn # 128

**"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"**

\* Hymn Supplement pg. 1

**"In Christ Alone"**

**Sermon Series:** *Ruth*

**\* Prayer for Illumination**

**\* Sermon Text**

*Ruth 1:1-5*

\* **Pastor:** Thus far the reading of God's holy Word. And may God add His blessing to the reading of His Word.

\* **Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon Title:** **"Self-Excommunication"**

Pastor Michael Mock

**Sermon Outline:** Begins below

**Prayer for Transformation**

\* Hymn # 164

**"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

\* **Benediction**

**Sermon Outline:** *Ruth 1:1-5* “Self-Excommunication”

**To cut yourself off from the land of blessing is to cut yourself from the LORD of blessing.**

**1. Displacement (vv. 1-5)**

- a. Pursuing Self in Self’s Sight (v. 1)
  - i. “Elimelech”
  - ii. Judges Refrain
- b. Removing Self from God’s Sight (v. 2)
- c. Pursuing Self in Enemy’s Arms (vv. 1, 2, 4)
  - i. Moab’s Origin (Gen. 19)
  - ii. Moab’s Opposition
    - 1. Num. 22-24
    - 2. Num. 22-24
    - 3. Num. 25
    - 4. Deut. 23:3-6
    - 5. Judges 3:15-30
- d. **Application:** Know and trust the Redeemer through the Redeemer’s means of grace.
  - i. Word
  - ii. Sacraments
  - iii. Prayer

**2. Depression (vv. 1-5)**

- a. Names
- b. No-No Marriages
- c. No Burial in Bethlehem
- d. No Offspring
- e. **Application:** Know your miserable condition outside of the Redeemer’s redemption.