

MAY 21, 2023

EVENING

Order of Worship

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:10-13

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

Invocation

*** Hymn # 2**

“O Worship the King”

Affirmation of Faith:

Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1

Of Providence

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

*** Scripture Reading**

New Testament: *Hebrews 12:3-17* (How to View Discipline)

*** 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”

Sermon Series: *Ruth*

*** Prayer for Illumination**

*** Sermon Text**

Ruth 1:19-22

*** 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: “Is Bitterness Better?”

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Begins below

Prayer for Transformation

*** Hymn Supplement pg. 58**

“Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless”

Lord’s Supper: Bitter Dregs Drunk

*** Hymn # 431**

“A Parting Hymn We Sing”

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn # 740

Amen. Amen. Amen.

“Threefold Amen”

Sermon Outline: *Ruth 1:19-22* “Is Bitterness Better?”

Clouded by calamity, the bitter heart refuses to see true pleasantness.

1. Woeful (vv. 19-21)

- a. Surprise Arrival

- b. True Affliction
 - i. Almighty

 - ii. LORD
- c. False Accusation
 - i. Essence of the Accusation

- d. **Application:** Blessedness, not bitterness, is our identity.

2. Hopeful (vv. 19, 22)

- a. God’s Provision

- b. God’s Presence

- c. **Application:** Committed nearness drives away bitterness.