

MAY 7, 2023

EVENING

Order of Worship

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 16:1-2*

*Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."*

**Invocation**

\* Hymn Supplement pg. 2

**"There Is a Higher Throne"**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

***Westminster Confession of Faith 17.1 & 3***

*Perseverance & Temptations*

**Q.** Will all of God's elect persevere till the end?

**A.** They, whom God hath accepted in His Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.

**Q.** What challenges to their perseverance are there?

**A.** Nevertheless, they may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and, for a time, continue therein: whereby they incur God's displeasure, and grieve His Holy Spirit, come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts, have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded; hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.

**\* Scripture Reading**

**New Testament:** *Hebrews 10:19-39* (Confidence & Continuation)

\* **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 # 689

**"Be Still My Soul"**

\* Hymn # 699

**"Like a River Glorious"**

**Sermon Series:** *Ruth*

**\* Prayer for Illumination**

**\* Sermon Text**

*Ruth 1:6-18*

\* **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:** "A Convert's Testing"

Pastor Michael Mock

**Sermon Outline:** Begins below

**Prayer for Transformation**

\* Hymn Supplement pg. 75

**"He Will Hold Me Fast"**

\* Benediction

\* Departing Hymn # 740

“Threefold Amen”

**Sermon Outline: *Ruth 1:6-18* “A Convert’s Testing”**

**The LORD preserves his people despite temptations to leave him.**

**1. “Go!” (vv. 6-15)**

- a. Why the rising and returning?
  - i. Husband-minded (v. 12)
  - ii. Bitter-minded (v. 13)
  - iii. Pagan-minded (v. 15)
- b. Well-intentioned Temptations (vv. 8-15)
  - i. Refuge/rest in another land-Moab (v. 8)
  - ii. Refuge/rest in earthly husband (v. 13)
  - iii. Refuge/rest in earthly offspring (vv. 8, 11, 13)
  - iv. Refuge/rest in other gods! (v. 15)
- c. **Applications**
  - i. Not all temptations are maliciously made
  - ii. The essence of all temptations

**2. “No!” (vv. 10-18)**

- a. “No!” for a time (vv. 10, 14-15)
  - i. Mark 4
- b. “No!” for all time and eternity (vv. 16-17)
  - i. Always clinging
  - ii. All-in Allegiance
  - iii. **Application:** Don’t listen to any of the voices that seek your defection from the LORD.
- c. Gentile Provocation (v. 18)
  - i. Romans 11
- d. **Application:** God guides his people with his grace, even without mention of repentance (v. 6)