

A Season of All Saints:

Ancestors

Homer United Methodist Church

All Saints' Day November 1, 2020

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Centering

- Print out or pull up your Worship Guide
- Light a candle as a reminder of the light of Christ that connects us all
- Breathe deeply and remember that you are on holy ground
- Acknowledge the indigenous inhabitants of land on which you live

Land Acknowledgement

In this series, we honor that great cloud of witnesses who came before us, both in our own lives and in our family of faith. We also acknowledge the ancestors of the land on which we dwell and pray that the indigenous peoples who have survived to steward these lands for generations will continue to thrive in the future.

If you want to learn more about the land that you inhabit, please explore these resources:

- text your zip code to (907) 312-5085 to see which indigenous peoples land you occupy
- www.nativegov.org
- <https://native-land.ca>
- Bunnell Street resources:
<https://backtracks.fm/discover/s/artist-talks-bunnell/362f36ba2dbda951>

Opening Prayer

Thank you, God, for ancestors – the ancestors of this land, the ancestors of our families, and the ancestors of our faith. We are grateful for the lives and sacrifices of all the saints, and we are joyful that they surround us even today as a great cloud of witnesses cheering us on as we run this race. May we learn how to live wisely from their examples, their dedication, their faith, and their lives. **Amen.**

Honoring the Saints

On All Saints' Day we remember those people who have gone before us, who are now part of the great cloud of witnesses. We remember the saints of the church and the saints of our lives. We mourn their loss, but even through our grief, we remember the lessons they taught us.

Opening Song

WORDS: William W. How
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughn Williams
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For All the Saints

Ola Mullikin

Series Introduction: ANCESTORS

The book might be called Ruth, but this is also the story of Naomi. Both women are significant grandmothers in Jesus' family tree.

Scripture

Ruth (and Naomi)

Ruth

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!"

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

Ruth caught Boaz's eye, and he asked about her. When he found out who she was, he offered her his protection and invited her to glean in his field where she would be safe.

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. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. 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. 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." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So she went down to the threshing-floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her.

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David. Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

It's Complicated

Pastor Lisa

Song of Response

Sanctuary

Ola Mullikin

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MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs
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Time of Gratitude

In our time of gratitude, we honor the saints of our lives, including those still living among us today. For her many years of service to United Methodist Women at all levels, the Homer United Methodist Women present Tirzah Parsons with the Special Missions Recognition - Legacy Fund award. The link to the special video made as a tribute to Tirzah is in Saturday's newsletter.

Communion¹

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dan Lush

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

May the love of Christ sustain you through all things. Amen.

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Benediction

May God, who has given us in the lives of the saints patterns of holy living, strengthen your trust and devotion so you may live faithfully through all things. Amen.

Closing Hymn

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MUSIC: Ludwig von Beethoven; arr. Edward Hodges

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Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Ola Mullikin