

# WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

February 14, 2016 10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

PSALM 122 A Jonathan Murray, presenting

Prayer for God's Blessing upon Us as We Worship Him

Scripture Reading: Judges 2:11-22

PSALM 94 A

Scripture: Genesis 49:10; Deuteronomy 17:14-15; Judges 21:25;  
Ruth 4:18-22; Luke 1:30-33; John 18:33, 36-37;  
Revelation 19:16

Sermon: **Books about Christ: Judges and Ruth**  
Pastor Martin Wilsey, Preaching

PSALM 7 A

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings:

Prayer Time for the Congregation

**To this my prayer, O Listen LORD; And let my cry for help  
reach You. In time of grief, hide not Your face, Incline to me Your list'ning ear; And answer quickly when You hear.**  
(Psalm 102 A, stanza 1)

PSALM 9 A, stanzas 1-4

Pastoral Blessing

PSALM 9 A, stanza 5

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*Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Join us for a time of refreshment following the service. Coffee, tea and other drinks are served in the kitchen area.*

**SERMON: THY KINGDOM COME**

I. The progressive nature of divine revelation: as God unfolds His plan....

## II. Judges: Thy Kingdom come!

- A. Success and failures (Judges 1)
- B. The cycle (J.B. Payne): sin, servitude, supplication, salvation
- C. The heroes (and other judges over Israel), along with their warts
  - 1. Othniel (3:7-11)
  - 2. Ehud (3:12-30)
  - 3. Shamgar (3:31)
  - 4. Deborah (4:1-5:31)
  - 5. Gideon (6:1-8:32)
  - 6. Abimelech (8:33-9:57)
  - 7. Tola and Jair (10:1-6)
  - 8. Jephthah (10:6-12:7)
  - 9. Ibzan (12:8-10)
  - 10. Elon (12:11-12)
  - 11. Abdon (12:13-15)
  - 12. Samson (13:1-16:31)
- D. Two horrific events showing the depravity of Israel (Judges 17-21)
- E. The problem: Judges 21:25 (see also 17:6; 18:1; 19:1)

## III. Ruth: the Remnant

- A. The setting: in the days when the judges governed (Ruth 1:1)
- B. The significant setting: Bethlehem (Ruth 1:2)
- C. Tragic events for Naomi, and another pagan woman in the genealogy of Jesus Christ: Ruth (1:14ff.; Matthew 1:5)
- D. Boaz: a rich, righteous and kind man, but also the kinsman-redeemer
- E. The genealogy of the Seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15) continues

## IV. Setting the stage for the Kingdom of Israel and the Kingdom of God

- A. The problems of a fallen world continue. Expect nothing different.
- B. God's plan in Christ continues (remember Deuteronomy 17:14ff.).
- C. There is only One perfect Judge, One perfect King. His Kingdom has come, and is coming! He judges righty, rules justly, extends mercy and forbears with us with amazing grace and patience.
- D. God always has a people who are subjects of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. They are together called the Church. (I Peter 2:9-12)
- E. Have you taken the cycle? Then break the cycle. Go, sin no more!