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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

*Declaring, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today,
and forever." Hebrews 13:8*

July 2nd, 2023

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Elder: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic¹ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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| ❖ Creedal Song #731 | <i>Doxology</i> | Congregation |
| ❖ Scripture Reading | Deuteronomy 11:1-32 | Elder |
| ❖ Hymn of Reflection | <i>In Christ Alone</i> | Congregation |
| The Sermon | Ruth 4:1-22 | Pastor Doug Warren |
| | <i>“Redeemed to an Enduring Name”</i> | |
| ❖ Hymn of Response #460 | <i>Amazing Grace</i> | Congregation |
| Communion | | Congregation |
| ❖ Communion Hymn #168 | <i>I Greet Thee, Who
My Sure Redeemer Art</i> | Congregation |
| ❖ Benediction | Romans 15:13 | Pastor |

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.

Postlude

~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~

~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~

Prelude: Three Variants on Foundation (Haan)

Offertory: There is an Everlasting Kindness (Getty/Townend/Larson)

Postlude: Allegro Maestoso (Handel/McKinley)

¹ The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

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Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight  
at 6 pm in the church library.  
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Save the Date!

Friday, July 21 — 5:00-7:00 pm COT Hot Dogs & S'mores on the FCCW lawn

Wednesday, July 26 — 5:30-8:30 pm Church History Supper Talk

Friday, August 25 — 5:00-7:00 pm COT Hot Dogs & S'mores on the FCCW lawn

Saturday, August 26 — 8:00 am-6:30 pm Jonathan Edwards Historical Bus Tour

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### Greeters Needed

Would you like to help welcome folks to worship on Sunday mornings? We need two volunteers each Sunday from 9:10 until the beginning of worship. If you would like to serve in this way there is a sign-up sheet in the Billings Room near the punch bowl. Questions? Contact Diana Snider at [dennisnider@msn.com](mailto:dennisnider@msn.com).

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Woodstock Christian Child Care Job Opportunities

Looking for summer work, part or full time? Want to plug in some extra hours for college or fill in some more work hours? Woodstock Christian Child Care needs more summer workers, with the option of continuing in the fall, to help care for our extra summer preK - grade 1 classes and classes for ages 6 weeks to preK. If you are 18 years old or older, enjoy children, and have hours available, please contact WCCC Executive Director at rbrissonwccc@gmail.com. Positions available immediately. Thank you!

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The July Prayer Letter is available on the back table.

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Mid Vermont Christian School

Educating for Impact

We are hiring - We are growing!

We are seeking qualified and enthusiastic individuals who have a passion for being a missionary in Christian Education in Vermont!

Full-time openings:

- Elementary School Teacher
- Junior Senior High School Math and Elective Teacher

Part-time openings: (These could be put together for a full-time position.)

- Elementary General Music Teacher
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- Student Support Services Director
- Athletic Director
- Physical Education Teacher

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Redeemed to an Enduring Name

1. The Promised Land *Represented* All God's Promises.

2. This Land Grounded His People's Permanence.

3. Christ Has Secured Us as His Co-Heirs.

Conclusion: Boaz redeems Ruth and her family by marrying her in obedience to God's Word. This beautiful demonstration of love for God and others ties together a host of legal requirements from the Old Testament that turn out *not* to be antiquated or irrelevant ritual, but lifegiving context in which we can better understand Christ's redemption of His people. May the Holy Spirit enable us to drink deeply of this lifegiving stream that is His sacred Scriptures.

John 20:30-31

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that *by believing you may have life in his name*.

Genesis 28:13-15

And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. *The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring*. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and *in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed*. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and *will bring you back to this land*. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Exodus 12:25-27

And *when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised*, you shall keep this service. And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

Exodus 32:13

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, *to whom you swore* by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and *all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever*.’”

Acts 3:22-26

Moses said, ‘*The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me* from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.” (*Quoting Deuteronomy 18:15*)

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him *the name that is above every name*, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Why does Boaz explain his marriage to Ruth in terms of *maintaining the name of the dead with his property*? Is this just some misogynistic way of counting women with livestock and possessions? No, Boaz is articulating one of God's gracious provisions that provides us with a context to better understand the Lord Jesus' redemption of His Bride—the Church.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Ruth 4:1-22; Deuteronomy 11:1-32; John 20:30-31; Genesis 28:13-15; Exodus 12:25-27; 32:13; Acts 3:22-26.** DISCUSS What does the land have to do with *our* salvation? What is your inheritance? Why? What does the Bible mean by having an enduring name? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 6:9-11.** PRAY “Lord Jesus, thank You for securing our inheritance in the power of Your awesome name.”

Sunday Evening

Young Adult Fellowship meets at 6pm in the church library.

Monday

READ **Ruth 4:1-22; Deuteronomy 11:1-32; Psalm 105:7-11.** DISCUSS What does it mean that God is faithful “to a thousand generations”? SERVE by taking time to help someone! MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 6:9-11.** PRAY, “Father God, You are faithful throughout generations; help us to praise You with our whole hearts.”

Tuesday

READ **Ruth 4:1-22; Genesis 28:13-15; Exodus 12:25-27; 32:13.** DISCUSS How is the land related to our inheritance as God's people? What does this have to do with the New Heavens and New Earth? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 6:9-11.** PRAY, “Redeemer, Thank You for securing us in Your matchless love. We praise You for undoing our sin and rebellion and granting us Your perfect obedience.”

Wednesday

READ **Ruth 4:1-22; John 20:30-31; Philippians 2:9-11; Acts 2:37-39.** DISCUSS How is the name of Jesus used in all of these passages? Why does Jesus have an enduring name? What is true of us in His name? Why? MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 6:9-11.** PRAY, “Jesus, You alone are worthy of all praise. Thank You for rescuing us from sin and death and giving us an enduring name.”

Thursday

READ **Ruth 4:1-22; Acts 3:22-26; Psalm 105:7-11.** DISCUSS How has Christ fulfilled the role of Moses? David? Messiah? How does this secure you forever? SERVE by putting someone else’s interests *above your own!* MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 6:9-11.** PRAY, “Christ Jesus, empower us to live by faith in Your name.”

Friday

READ **Ruth 4:1-22; Deuteronomy 11:1-32; John 20:30-31; Genesis 28:13-15; Exodus 12:25-27; 32:13; Acts 3:22-26.** DISCUSS What has God been teaching you this week? SERVE by *caring for someone in need!* MEDITATE on **First Corinthians 6:9-11.** PRAY that we at FCCW would *trust Christ together.*

Saturday

PREPARE today for *gathered Sunday worship tomorrow.* CONSIDER What can you do today to be better prepared for gathering with God’s people tomorrow? READ **Haggai 1:1-15.** *Invite others to join you tomorrow for the worship service at 9:30 am.* PRAY, “Lord, prepare Your people for Your praises. Gather us together to delight in You.”

First Corinthians 6:9-11

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not *inherit the kingdom of God?* Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will *inherit the kingdom of God.* And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were *justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ* and by the Spirit of our God.