



Sunday 19 July 2026
with Rev Gillian Rooney

ALL ARE WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who casts the seed,
is the God who gives the growth.
The God who gathers the grain,
gathers God's people together.
We are part of God's family,
and we have gathered for worship.
Come! Sing, pray, listen, reflect.
We celebrate God's presence among us.

**Hymn 124 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of Creation**
Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health
and salvation;
come all who hear,
into his presence draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who in all things is
wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently yet firmly
sustaining.
Have you not seen
how your heart's wishes have been
granted by God's wise ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and
power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily
attend you;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do:
God will for ever befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with
praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
translated Catherine Winkworth
(1827–1878) (*alt.*)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

First Thoughts

HYMN - Jesus puts this song into our hearts CH4 692

Jesus puts this song into our hearts;
Jesus puts this song into our hearts;
it's a song of joy no one can take away.
Jesus puts this song
into our hearts.

Jesus teaches how to live in harmony,
Jesus teaches how to live in harmony;
different faces, different races, he makes us
one.
Jesus teaches how to live
in harmony.

Jesus teaches how to be a family,
Jesus teaches how to be a family,
loving one another with the love that he gives.
Jesus teaches how to be
a family.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing,
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing;
changes tears of sadness into rivers of joy.
Jesus turns our sorrow
into a dance. (Hey!)

Graham Kendrick

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Scripture Readings

Ruth 2;1-10

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, 'Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favour.'

Naomi said to her, 'Go ahead, my daughter.' So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.

Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, 'The Lord be with you!' 'The Lord bless you!' they answered.

Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, 'Who does that young woman belong to?'

The overseer replied, 'She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters." She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.'

So Boaz said to Ruth, 'My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.'

Reading Ruth 2:11-23

At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, 'Why have I found such favour in your eyes that you notice me – a foreigner?'

Boaz replied, 'I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband – how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹² May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.' 'May I continue to find favour in your eyes, my lord,' she said. 'You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant – though I do not have the standing of one of your servants.'

At mealtime Boaz said to her, 'Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar.' When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, 'Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. ¹⁶ Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her.'

So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough. Her mother-in-law asked her, 'Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!'

Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. 'The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz,' she said.

'The Lord bless him!' Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. 'He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.' She added, 'That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers.'

Then Ruth the Moabite said, 'He even said to me, "Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain."'

Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, 'It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with the women who work for him, because in someone else's field you might be harmed.'

So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Luke 6:36-38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'

Sermon

Hymn - Brothers, let us come together

Brothers, let us come together,
walking in the Spirit;
there's much to be done.
We will come reaching
out from our comforts,
and they will know us by our love.

*The time is now,
come church arise
Love with His hands,
see with His eyes.
Bind it around you,
let it never leave you,
and they will know us by our love.*

Sisters, we were made for kindness,
we can pierce the darkness,
as He shines through us.
We will come reaching
with a song of healing,
and they will know us by our love

Children, you are hope for justice,
stand firm in the Truth now,
set your hearts above.
You will be reaching
long after we're gone,
and they will know you by your love.

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**OFFERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Hymn - Brother, Sister let me serve you

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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Benediction

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