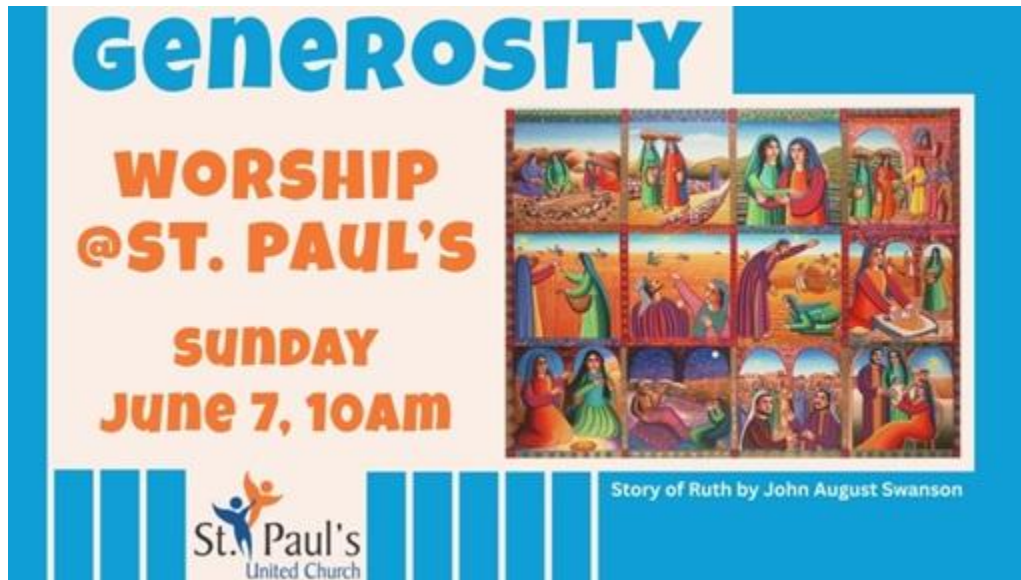


# The Story of Ruth Generosity



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# Preparation

**Prelude**

**Processional**

**As the Wind Song**

**Welcome**

**Check In**

**What is the best gift you have ever given?**

## **Acknowledgement of the Land**

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

**Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours, Chimnissing - Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.**

This week, we celebrate the resolution of a human rights complaint including First Nations traditions. As reported by APTN, Marilyn Slett, the elected Chief of the Heiltsuk Nation said:

"We commend Canadian Tire and Blackbird Security for showing leadership and accountability by making important policy changes and participating in a traditional washing ceremony. This is a reciprocal form of restorative justice, based on Heiltsuk law and culture, that provides a healing opportunity for everyone involved. It's an example of reconciliation in action"

**We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch**

## **Call to Worship**

The sinners, the saints, the broken, the whole:

**we all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.**

The doubters, the devout, the wonderers, the wanderers:

**we all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.**

The hesitant, the heroic, the grandparents, the little children:

**we all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.**

So let us celebrate God's presence

**Together we become beloved community.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Reader: Rosemary**

## **Lighting of Christ Candle**

**Prayer** As we light this Christ Candle,  
may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

**Sung Response** A Light is Gleaming

## **Peace of Christ**

**Stories for All Ages:** **Sharing**

**Song of Praise** MV# 122 This Is the Day

## **Listening**

**Scripture** Ruth 2 **Reader: Peggy Wallace**

**Sermon** **Generosity**

**Song for Reflection** MV #194 Bread of Life, Feed My Soul

**Life and Work of the Church** (Announcements)

**Offering of Thanksgiving**

**Offertory Music** Bread of Heaven

**Offertory Response** VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

**Celebrations and Concerns**

## **Communion**

**Responsive Reader**

**Call to Reconciliation**

In this place, in this moment, we wonder, "is it true?" God's hopes, God's promises, God's grace - are they really for you, for me, for us? God invites us to bring our questions, as well as our fears and failures, so we might discover the truth for ourselves, as we pray, saying,

**Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

**When we look for our place cards at the table of honour, do we see you standing at the back of the room with the servers? When we walk around the**

**homeless on the way to the ballgame, do we see you sitting in the doorway with the hungry children? When we tell others to pull themselves up, have we forgotten how many people reached out their hands to us along the way? Forgive us, God who offers mercy to us, and desires that we share grace with others. Help us to truly follow your way, the way of service, offering everyone we meet the bread of life and cup of hope which have come to us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Here is the good news: it is not up to us. God has not wavered in keeping the covenant of grace, of hope, of mercy, of life.

**By God's grace, we are forgiven; by God's healing, we are made whole; by God's constant love, we are restored to life. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

May the God who gives life to all be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts to God's steadfast love.

**Hoping against hope, our hearts are glad in God.**

Let joyous melodies be offered to our God.

**Loving righteousness and justice, we rejoice in God.**

You looked into chaos, and spoke into the universe, bringing order to the spinning and churning, the heavens bursting forth the stars spilling into places with each breath of joy.

**Filling the earth with that love which never ends, you created us so we might live in your garden of grace.**

But we chose to focus inward on our selfish desires, And in love, you sent those who spoke in your name to remind us of looking beyond, at the promise of grace made so long ago.

**When we continued to cling to trying to save ourselves, you sent Jesus to us, knowing his faith in you would never weaken.**

So, knowing praise is the only response which we can make to such love, we join our voices in this place and moment with those in every time and place who forever sing your joy:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God who desires mercy. All creation sings new songs of thanksgiving. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who eats with people like us. Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God of Grace, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Desirer of mercy. He walked among us, calling us to follow that we might know the way to your heart.

**Sitting with the outsiders, he fed them with that love which welcomed and embraced them as siblings from different parents.**

Following your hopes, he went into the grave where death was waiting, so he might take us by the hand and lead us into life forever with you.

**As we remember your ancient promises fulfilled in the One who will never die, we would sing of that faith which is ours: Trusting God's faithfulness, Christ died on the cross. Giving God the glory, Christ was raised from the grave. Calling us to follow, Christ leads us into God's kingdom.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these simple, yet so very precious, gifts of the bread and of the cup.

**By your grace, when we would sanitize our hands with piety, the bread transforms us so we would reach out in authentic love.**

**By your compassion, when we would sit at home, at ease, in comfort, with plenty, the cup alters our attitude so we will get up and follow Jesus into the brokenness and need of our world.**

And when we are gathered around the great Table in heaven, seated beside Abraham and Sarah, Paul and the psalmists, Jesus and Joanna, we will lift our voices together, praising you forever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Gifts of God for the People of God**

### **Sending**

Like Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz,

**we take those steps of faith offered by our God.**

With Jesus, as well as followers through time and space,

**we dare go into those unknown places where hope is absent, where grace is empty.**

With Paul, with Phoebe, with people we know,

**we are willing to follow the Spirit on adventures into justice and compassion.**

**Song for the Journey: VU #482 Shout for Joy**

## **Extinguishing of the Candles**

**Blessing**

**Closing Chorus: MV #214 Sheltering Wings**

**Postlude**