



PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

October 18 – 19, 2025

In Position

Ruth 2 | Mark 5:25-34

BENEVOLENT



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

CONTEMPORARY
SAT 5:30 pm | SUN 10:30 am

So So Good
Trust In God
Way Maker
Great Things

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

Here I Am, Lord
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
FLUTES: Special Music
Blessed Assurance

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**

Communion (Saturday 5:30 pm)

Baptisms (Sunday 10:30 pm)
Levi George Cichy, Jaxi Michele Crandall

We offer sympathy and support to the family and friends of **Marty Stover, Robert Hoff and Dennis Anderson** as they grieve their deaths.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Services:
Robert Hoff (October 28)
Dennis Anderson (November 7)
Kenneth Wuori (November 29)
Sharon Norrbom (December 12)

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

We are an open and affirming community, here to love God and all people.



Connect with Prince of Peace!
Scan here to join our mailing list and find ways to get involved.
Paper copies of this form are available at the Connect Desk.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)
Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm (chapel) | Sun 10:30 am (sanctuary)
Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Decorate and Fill Trick-or-Treat Bags for Mary's Place
Pick up empty bags in the community room throughout October. Return them by October 26 filled with small toys and candy!

Boo Bash | Family Ministry Event | October 25 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
Kids' outdoor activities! Trick-or-treats! Wear your costume! Sign up to host a trunk display at popmn.org/register

First Communion Orientation | November 1 | 6:00 pm | POP
Learn about the significance and logistics of Communion at POP.

Pathway to Peace of Mind: End-of-Life Planning
Tuesdays, October 21 – November 11 | 9:00 am | Chapel
Join us for this four-part workshop: popmn.org/register.

Women's Ministry Fall Retreat | Registration Ends October 19
This is your last chance to register for the fall retreat, taking place November 15-16 at Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington.

Repurposed Adults | Sundays in October | Between Services
Learn about this group for empty-nesters, retirees and those taking care of aging parents. Visit our table in the community room.

Pastor's Book Club | Mondays | 1:30 pm | Chapel (new location)
Join Pastor Sarah Fike to discuss *American Idolatry* by Andrew L. Whitehead beginning October 27.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



YOU'RE INVITED!

All Congregation Dinner
Sunday, November 2 | 5:30 pm
Sanctuary

RSVP by October 26 at
popmn.org/give/preserve-open-plant/





Trust the Story | Benevolent | In Position

Naomi is feeling bitter, isolated and hopeless. But Ruth – whose name means shepherdess, pastor, neighbor, companion – responds by continuing to live the promise she made to Naomi. Ruth is the voice of love and hope. This story puts a woman in the pastoral role.

So she goes out and gleans in a field.

Do you remember the custom (or rule, or law) about leaving the edges of your field unharvested for people in poverty, for widows and orphans or others without means in that society? Look at Leviticus 23:22. In this story we see those customs in action.

How does the gleaning go for Ruth? Is she able to gather enough food for her and Naomi? What does she set in motion by simply being hopeful enough to go about finding food? Can hope change your actions, change your life, change your outcome? Or is that wishful thinking?

It turns out that the owner of the field, Boaz (which means fleetness or quickness), is related to Naomi. It was customary for the men to take care of the widows in their family groups at that time, but it wasn't a guarantee. Boaz does not hesitate to make sure there is enough for Ruth to glean.

Why does Boaz show up for Ruth in this story? How does he fulfill the law about harvesting fields? As we see this played out, how do the pages of rules in Leviticus begin to make more sense? What does it mean to live together in community? How can we be a community of abundance, rather than scarcity, if we aren't living generously like Boaz? How can we be a community of abundance, rather than scarcity, if we aren't putting ourselves in position to ask for what we need, like Ruth?

In the reading from Mark, we meet a woman who has been bleeding for twelve years. As a result, she is deemed unclean and has lost her community as well as her health. She's an outcast. She takes an enormous risk even being part of that crowd in the first place. Reaching out to touch Jesus' robe (potentially also rendering him unclean in the process) is incredibly bold.

Why does she do it? How do you think she expects Jesus to respond?

What is the power of this woman putting herself in Jesus' path? What is possible when there's nothing else to lose? Do you think her life changes because she dares to reach out in hope? Is there a divine reward for this kind of faith, or is this simply the way the world is designed?

How are these two women – Ruth and the woman from Mark – alike? How can these two stories work together in our lives today? Are there places where you need a bold and desperate hope? Are there moments when you have to actually ask for what you need? Do you think that truly believing hope is out there, that it's real, can actually change anything? What?