

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Generous One,
Use our giving to remind us of Your presence.
Use this offering to remind the world of Your presence. Amen.

***Doxology**

Communion

Invitation

Hymn *Eat This Bread* Chalice Hymnal #414

Words of Institution, Prayer, and Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

Participation in Communion

Disciples Christian Church practices open communion, meaning all are welcome at the table. You may choose communion by intinction (breaking a piece of bread from the loaf and dipping it in the chalice) or by individual bread and cup. Please come forward to partake, choosing the option most meaningful to you.

***Benediction**

***Closing Response** *Lean On Me* on screen/insert

Postlude

PRAY-ground: In the northeast corner of the sanctuary, we have an area rug and some quiet toys for young children. The PRAY-ground is designed for families who may not be ready to use the nursery or who prefer to keep their children in the sanctuary with them. Please use this area as you desire.



New Beginnings:
The Story of Ruth and Naomi
Week 3
September 3, 2017



Disciples Christian Church

Core Values

- Hospitality
- Spiritual Growth
- Justice through Service

**Please rise as you are able*

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Ryan Martin

*Call to Worship

One: Come all who are weary of wealth, of poverty,
of power, of struggle, of division.

Come all who are heavy-laden, with too much, with too little,
with anxiety, with fear, with anger.

Come all who have hope for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.

Hear these words:

All: "See, I am making all things new."

*Opening Hymn

This is a Day of New Beginnings Chalice Hymnal #518 v 1,3,4

*Welcoming the Spirit

God of widows, orphans, and strangers,

You protect the oppressed and forgotten,

feed the hungry, and heal our brokenness.

You dwell here, creating something new in each of us.

Give us open hearts and minds to begin again.

Amen

Children's Moment

Prayer

Preparation

Be Still and Know

Chalice Praise #89, twice

Prayers of the People: Sharing Good News & Concerns

(After each thanksgiving or petition, the minister says:

"For _____, O Lord," and the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer.")

Prayer

*Following the prayer, anyone wishing to do so is invited to
come forward and light a candle for a personal joy or concern.*

Special Music

Ryan Martin

Scripture

Ruth 3

Sermon

The Good Part

Invitation

*Hymn

I Will Celebrate

Chalice Praise #56, twice

We, at Disciples Christian Church, understand God does not have a gender identity. God is God, neither male nor female. Occasionally, masculine pronouns are used in songs that we sing in corporate worship. We sing a wide variety of music, written by people with many different understandings of God. Our God loves diversity and is so much more than our minds and hearts can comprehend!

Offering

Call to Give

In the story of Ruth and Naomi, we see sacrifice and generosity in Ruth's response to Naomi and in Boaz's response to Ruth. In the world today, we see sacrifice and generosity in the volunteers caring for hurricane victims and in the supplies and money given to ease suffering. In these responses, we also see God's presence. As we consider our giving this morning, we remember that our offering enables the church to make God's presence real to our neighbors near and far.