

*Daily Morning Message*  
*St Paul United Church of Christ*  
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*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

*Lectionary Readings*      *Psalm 81*  
*Ruth 2:1-23*  
*2 Peter 3:14-18*

*Today's Scripture Verse:*      *(Ruth) fell prostrate, with her face to the ground and said to (Boaz)"Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?"*

What it means:      Ruth, a young Moabite woman, was married to a man from Judah. Her husband died, and she chose to stay with her mother-in-law Naomi and help her. When they returned to the land of her husband, she was provided for by a man named Boaz. As an immigrant, she questioned why he was helping her; but Boaz told her he had heard of her kindness toward her mother-in-law, and told her that God would protect her for her deeds, as one seeking refuge.

Our time of reflection:      As the story of Ruth reminds us of God's care for the refugee, we pray for those who find themselves strangers in a land that is not their own. Beyond all the political issues surrounding migration lies the simple ethical responsibility to care for those driven from their lands by poverty, oppression, and violence.

