

Today's Worship
April 18, 2021
Third Sunday in Easter

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O Come, Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

P: The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

L: Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

P: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

L: Come, Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

P: God's Light of love is shining upon us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Chris Hester

MUSIC

Your Grace is Enough

All

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God, I see Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

PASTORAL PRAYER

Mr. Hester

LORD'S PRAYER

All

Our Father, which 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 trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. AMEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mr. Hester

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

All

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Refrain

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON

MUSIC

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

All

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more keenly felt than heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

4 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

5 If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined,
by the glory of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

Mr. Hester



McEver Road UMC is Praying For:

Family of Jack Anderson (Linda Kern's father)
Family of Joe Durrence (Paul's father)
Family of Paul Hagerty
John and family (Dolores Richardson's friends)
Family of Michael Johnson (Renee Bender)
Tommie Love (community member)
Lee Smee (Lloyd and Florence's son)

Continued Prayers For:

Pat Adams, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Bill Carman, Brandon Cartledge, Judy Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Walter P. Emerson Family, Carolyn and Lloyd Evans, Martha Farr, Shari Gwaltney, Jill Johnson, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Mark Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, Celeste Mullins, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Carol and Martha Shay, Shelly Simpson, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Hannah Turcotte, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocum, John Young, all fighting cancer

Our Service Men and Women:

Ryan Cantrell, Breanna Cantrell, Christian Edens, Maribel Edens, Robby Harrison, Travis Hutchinson, Kiernan Kane, Keenen McDaniel, Mason McDaniel, Jacob Miller, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

Missionaries:

Ashley Johnson, Christie and Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan

Please contact the church office (770-532-3160) or the Jordans (770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net) for updates to the prayer list.

The Week at a Glance

Tuesday, April 20

Good News at Noon 6PM at Good News
(Jean Prezel jeanprezel@gmail.com, 678-720-6945)

Wednesday, April 21

Bible Study 7:30PM virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Thursday, April 22

Bible Study 10:30AM virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Sunday, April 25

The Current Worship any time via You Tube
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Children's Sunday School 9:15AM virtual
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Pages Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, rglenn@aim.com)

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School class 10AM virtual
(Debbie Durrence 678-833-1214, debbie.durrence@gmail.com)

Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex and virtual
(John Wright 404-281-9820, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com)

Traditional Worship 11AM on the lawn and streaming online
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Virtual Lift Your Spirits Café 12 noon via Zoom
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Book Discussion Group 4PM virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Sunday Help Needed

Now that we are meeting in person for worship again, we need people to help set up before Sunday worship, and then straighten up afterwards. If you are willing to serve in this way, please let Pastor Rob know.

Next Week's Sermon:

Hinduism
Ephesians 2:1-10



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— CHURCH —

A United Methodist Community

Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, filthy rich, dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note

in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Methodist than Asbury, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Richard Baker | 4/18 | Jean Prezel | 4/19 |
| Ethan Bassett | 4/19 | Judy Jordan | 4/22 |
| Lynne Corr | 4/19 | Fern Patterson | 4/23 |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Johnny & Jennifer Sepulveda 4/19

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