

**Today's Worship**  
**August 1, 2021**  
**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to your side  
I will love you to the end

His Name is Master, Savior, Lion of Judah  
Blessed Prince of Peace  
Shepherd, Fortress, Rock of Salvation  
Lamb of God is He  
Son of David, King of the Ages, Eternal life  
Holy Lord of Glory, His name is life.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**MUSIC            Wonderful Words of Life/Thy Word**

All

Sing them over again to me  
Wonderful words of life  
Let me more of their beauty see  
Wonderful words of life  
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty

Chorus  
Beautiful words, wonderful words  
Wonderful words of life  
Beautiful words, wonderful words  
Wonderful words of life

Christ the blessed One, gives to all  
wonderful words of life  
Sinner, list to the loving call  
Wonderful words of life  
Oh, so freely given, wooing us to heaven

Chorus

Sweetly echo the Gospel call  
Wonderful words of life  
Offer pardon and peace to all  
Wonderful words of life  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever

Chorus

**MUSIC            Thy Word**

All

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Karen Hoyt

**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    John 2:1-2 (NRSV)**

Rev. Hoyt

The Wedding at Cana  
2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. 12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

**MUSIC            There's Life in Jesus' Name/His Name is Life**

All

There's life in Jesus' name  
There's cleansing, there's healing in Jesus' name  
Believe Him, come unto Him, receive from His pow'r  
For in Jesus' name, there's life for you this hour.

Repeat

Repeat

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

**SERMON**

**Better than Delivery**

**CONFESSION**

Rev. Hoyt

**MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister:    The Lord be with you.  
**People:    And also with you.**  
Minister    Lift up your hearts.  
**People:    We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Minister:    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:    It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Rev. Hoyt:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Rev. Dr. Bruce:** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All:** Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father. Now and forever. AMEN

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>Open Our Eyes, Lord</b>	All
	Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus To reach out and touch him And say that we love him Open our ears, Lord. And help us to listen Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.	

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Hoyt

**Opportunities This Week**

*Monday, Aug. 2*  
Music Rehearsal 6:30PM Bagley Annex  
(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, [friendofguatemala@gmail.com](mailto:friendofguatemala@gmail.com))

*Tuesday, Aug. 3*  
Good News at Noon 6:30PM at Good News  
(Jean Prezel [jeanprezel@gmail.com](mailto:jeanprezel@gmail.com), 678-720-6945)

Bible Study 7PM virtual  
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, [chrishester23@gmail.com](mailto:chrishester23@gmail.com))

*Thursday, Aug. 5*  
Wesley Small Group at Sherry and Rob Bruce's home  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))  
  
Young Wesley Small Group at Jennifer and Johnny Sepulveda's home  
(Jennifer Sepulveda 678-780-6421, [jsep41914@gmail.com](mailto:jsep41914@gmail.com))

*Sunday, August 8*  
Children's Sunday School 10AM Bagley Annex sunroom  
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, [chrishester23@gmail.com](mailto:chrishester23@gmail.com))  
  
Pages Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex classroom  
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, [rglenn@aim.com](mailto:rglenn@aim.com))  
  
Journey to Bethlehem Adult Sunday School class  
10AM Bagley Annex garage  
(Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043. [lJordan4751@charter.net](mailto:lJordan4751@charter.net))  
  
Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex basement  
(John Wright 404-281-9820, [grampajohngrumps@gmail.com](mailto:grampajohngrumps@gmail.com))

Worship 11AM under the pavilion and streaming online  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

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

Love On Tap Planning 7:30PM  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

**Next Week's Sermon:**  
**Corners Without Exits**  
**John 3:1-21**

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*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!

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