

Today's Worship
August 8, 2021
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

Sing to me now
Words that are true
So all in this place can know it

OPENING PRAYER

MUSIC **I Know Whom I Have Believed** All

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known
Nor why unworthy Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own

We believe in God
And we all need Jesus
We believe in God
And we all need Jesus.

Repeat

Chorus

But I know whom I have believed
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day

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

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart
Nor how believing in His word
Wrought peace within my heart

Chorus

I know not how the Spirit moves
Convincing men of sin
Revealing Jesus through the Word
Creating faith in Him

SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 3:1-21 (NRSV)** Rev. Hoyt

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

Chorus

MUSIC **We Believe in God** All

We believe in God
And we all need Jesus
Cause life is hard
And it might not get easier

But don't be afraid to know who you are
Don't be afraid to show it
If you believe in God
If you say you need Jesus
He'll be where you are
And He never will leave you

but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

MUSIC **I'm Forever Grateful** All

You did not wait for me
To draw near to You
But You clothed yourself with frail humanity
You did not wait for me
To cry out to You
But you let me hear Your voice calling me

And I'm forever grateful to you
I'm forever grateful for the cross
I'm forever grateful to You
That you came to seek and save the lost

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON **Corners Without Exits**

MUSIC **Reign In Me** All

Reign in me sov'reign Lord reign in me
Reign in me, sov'reign Lord reign in me
Captivate my heart
Let Your kingdom come
Establish there Your throne
Let Your will be done
Reign in me, sov'reign Lord reign in me
Reign in me, sov'reign Lord reign in me.

BENEDICTION Rev. Hoyt

McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Livvy Cotton
Chris Elliott
Family of Irene England
Luci King
Family of Demetrio (Luy) Mucun



Continued Prayers For:

Pat Adams, Bill Anderson, Margie Barron, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Bill Carman, Brandon Cartledge, Judy and Max Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Walter P. Emerson Family, Carolyn and Lloyd Evans, Martha Farr, Dick Fleming, Shari Gwaltney, Jill Johnson, Michele Lecorhic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Vivian Mills, 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, 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.

Opportunities This Week

Monday, Aug. 9
Music Rehearsal 6:30PM Bagley Annex
(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, friendofguatemala@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Aug. 10
Bible Study 7PM virtual
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Sunday, Aug. 15
Children's Sunday School 10AM Bagley Annex sunroom
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

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

Journey to Bethlehem Adult Sunday School class
10AM Bagley Annex garage
(Lamar Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

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

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

Leadership Team 2PM virtual
(Ben Buchan 770-402-2884, jbbuchan@gmail.com)

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

Reception Honoring Kai and Lisa

After 20 years of faithful service to our church as worship leaders and musicians, Kai and Lisa Bassett have resigned. We would like to honor this special couple with a love offering that we will present to them at a reception on Sunday, Aug. 29 after the worship service. To contribute, please write "Kai and Lisa" in the memo line of your check or online gift and get it to the church NO LATER THAN Sunday, Aug. 22. Please plan to attend the reception and share light refreshments with us as we honor Kai and Lisa.

Help Plan Love on Tap

There will be a Love on Tap Planning meeting 7:30PM this evening on Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Contact Pastor Rob at rob.bruce@ngumc.net for the link.



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

Mike Schick	8/11	Nelda Wright	8/17
Christine Cave	8/12	Chris Hester	8/20
Donnie Mathis	8/14	Wayne Price	8/20
Rob Bruce	8/15	Bill Venable	8/20
Brad Mathis	8/15	Terry Lawrence	8/21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Glenn and Carolyn Burkhalter	8/10
Mike and Becky Tomlin	8/16

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