

Today's Worship
October 10, 2021
20th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader and People

L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

P: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

P: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

P: Praise be to God. AMEN!

MUSIC

Come Now is the Time to Worship

All

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God.

Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose you now.

Repeat

MUSIC

Come Christians Join to Sing

All

Come, Christians join to sing,

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice,

Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice,

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia, Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia, Amen.

He is our Guide and Friend;

To us He'll condescend.

His love shall never end;

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore,

His goodness we'll adore

Singing forevermore,

Alleluia! Amen!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Heather Barrera

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 16:6–10 (NRSV)

Ms. Barrera

6 They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; 8 so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

MUSIC

People Need the Lord

All

Every day they pass me by

I can see it in their eyes

Empty people filled with care

Headed who knows where?

On they go through private pain

Living fear to fear

Laughter hides their silent cries

Only Jesus hears.

People need the Lord, People need the Lord

When will we realize People need the Lord?

We are called to take His light

To a world where wrong seems right.

What could be too great a cost

For sharing life with one's who's lost?

Through His love our hearts can feel

All the grief they bear

They must hear the words of life

Only we can share.

People need the Lord, People need the Lord

At the end of broken dreams He's the open door.

People need the Lord, People need the Lord

When will we realize That we must give our lives?

For people need the Lord, People need the Lord

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON

The Map

MUSIC

Jesus Friend of Sinners

Janni Martin

Jesus friend of sinners, We have strayed so far away

We cut down people in Your name

But the sword was never ours to swing

Jesus Friend of sinners, The truth's become so hard to see

The world is on their way to You, But they're tripping over me

Always looking around but never looking up

I'm so double minded

A plank-eyed saint with dirty hands And a heart divided

(Oh) Jesus Friend of sinners, Open our eyes to the world

At the end of our pointing fingers, Let our hearts be led by mercy

Help us reach with open hearts and open doors

Oh Jesus Friend of sinners, Break our hearts for what breaks Yours

Jesus Friend of sinners, The One whose writing in the sand

Made the righteous turn away, And the stones fall from their hands

Help us to remember we are all the least of these

Let the mem'ry of Your mercy Bring Your people to their knees

Nobody knows what we're for

Only what we're against when we judge the wounded

What if we put down our signs, Crossed over the lines

And loved like You did

You love ev'ry lost cause, You reach for the outcast

For the leper and the lame, They're the reason that You came

Lord I was that lost cause, And I was the outcast

But You died for sinners just like me, A grateful leper at Your feet

('Cause) You are good, You are good

And Your love endures forever

And I was the lost cause, And I was the outcast

You died for sinners just like me, A grateful leper at Your feet

BENEDICTION

Ms. Barrera and All

Beloved of God, go to be a blessing. Bring the good news of forgiveness and healing to this hurting, lonely world. Bring hope to all, for God's love is poured out for all God's people.

ALL: We go to be a blessing to Love Christ Love People and Help People Love Christ

AMEN

McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Family of Joan Desrochers (Lloyd Smee's sister)
Patsy Russell (Heather Barrera's mother)
Jonathan Siderakis (hospitalized with COVID)
Barbara Vogt (Tilleys' neighbor, pancreatic cancer)
Karen Wilson (wife of Rev. Scott Wilson, Zion Hill Baptist Church)

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, Luci King, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Vivian Mills, Mark Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, Celeste Mullins, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Red Bird Mission, Carol and Martha Shay, Shelly Simpson, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocom, John Young, all those 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, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

Missionaries:

Ashley Johnson, Christie and Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan, Zonia Mucun

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Layla Sepulveda	10/10	Sophia Barrera	10/13
Wendy Baker	10/12	Charles Barron	10/18
Robin Schick	10/12	Lily Ann Hester	10/20



Jim and Jean Prezel	10/12
Mike and Kim Randolph	10/22

Opportunities This Week

Monday, Oct. 11

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

Tuesday, Oct. 12

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

Thursday, Oct. 14

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

Sunday, Oct. 17

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)

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School class Pastor's office and Zoom
(Rev. Dr. Susan Taylor revdrtaylor@gmail.com)

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

Leadership Team 2PM at the Bagley Annex
(Ben Buchan 770-402-2884, jbbuchan@gmail.com)

Next Week's Sermon

Think about it * Pray about it
Extravagant God
2 Corinthians 9:10-15

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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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