

**Today's Worship
November 14, 2021
25th Sunday After Pentecost**

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader and People

Leader: My soul thirsts for you, O God.

People: Lord, be my provision.

Leader: We are without comfort and are lost.

People: Lord, be our guide.

Your people long to know your hope.

Leader: Lord, be our song.

People: We come to worship you, Lord of all!

MUSIC **Come Into His Presence** All
(See music sheet)

MUSIC **We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise** All
(See music sheet)

PASTORAL PRAYER Tracey Wimpy

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 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 (NRSV) Ms. Wimpy
This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God. This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!

MUSIC **Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart** All

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON **Extravagant God**

CONFESSION Ms. Wimpy

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Dr. Bruce

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks, Father, because you were God even before time began. You have seen every sun rise, every day begin, since you first gave form to our home, this earth. You launched it into your universe, shaped its hills, and filled its seas. When space was ready, you brought life out of the waters and in time made us in your image, male and female. Yet we were not content with such a paradise; we rebelled, putting our wills before yours. Even then we found you boundless in love. Time after time you reached out your hand to touch our lives with loving kindness. You led us from captivity to life in the land you promised. You made covenant to take us as your people, to love and to cherish; we took you as God and ruler, promising to forsake all others. You put your words on our lips, called us to the struggle for justice, and taught us to sing of your glory. We join with those who have lived and those now living in faith, from sunrise to sunset, from south to north, as with one voice in the song of unending praise:

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.

Full, indeed, are heaven and earth of your glory, holy Lord God. When time was ready, you, the Creator of all that is, sent Christ to be a creature like us.

Instead of a servant you sent your own Son that he might be a servant of all. Walking among us, Jesus the Christ performed great signs to reveal his glory. He spoke as one having authority that we might trust your love and obey your law.

When his hour had come, he drank the cup of suffering and accepted the baptism of death. Like a lamb, he was led away from the living, but as your Son, he was raised from the grave. Having triumphed over death, he left our sight that his Spirit might fill our hearts as we await the completion of all things in him.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, the Lord Jesus took bread in his hands. Lifting his eyes to heaven he gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you." When supper was finished, he took the cup. Again he offered thanks to you, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you. This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sin."

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we know anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and look to that day when we shall feast in his eternal kingdom. We know anew Christ's life among us, and celebrate the mystery of faith:

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

Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us, to make real the signs of broken bread and shared cup. By the Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in service to all you have created. **AMEN**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC **Great is Thy Faithfulness** All

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

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New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

BENEDICTION

Ms. Wimpy

To live as God's people of abundance, while not giving in to the pull of our culture, you're going to need the power of the Holy Spirit. Lift your hands and hearts, in the name of the Father, who sustains us, and the Son, who instructs us, and the Spirit, who leads us. Go forth to love and serve the Lord—the one who loves the widow and the orphan. Sing the Lord's song of hope in dry lands!

ALL: We go in peace to Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ. AMEN

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Opportunities This Week

Monday, Nov. 15

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

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Good News at Noon 6:30PM at Good News
(Jean Prezel jeanprezel@gmail.com, 678-720-6945)

Bible Study 7PM virtual

(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Thursday, Nov. 18

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

Wesley Small Group

(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Young Wesley Small Group

(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Sunday, Nov. 21

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

9:45AM 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, jbuchan@gmail.com)

Next Week's Sermon

*Think about it * Pray about it*
Thankful Sunday



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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