

**Today's Worship**  
**March 13, 2022**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The race is set before us.

**P: We journey with Jesus to places unknown**

L: Soon we will arrive in Jerusalem.

**P: But Jerusalem is noted for killing the prophets and those whom God sends.**

L: Fear not! God is with us and will guide us on this journey of faith.

**P: We place ourselves completely in God's care. AMEN**

**MUSIC**

**God is My Refuge**  
(See song sheet)

All

**MUSIC**

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

All

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

**OPENING PRAYERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

The petitions are followed by:

**ALL: "Lord in your mercy hear our prayers."**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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.**

**MUSIC**

**10,000 Reasons**

All

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Chorus)

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV) Rev. Dr. Bruce

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Chris Hester

**SERMON**

**Famous Conversions: Herod**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 27** Leader and All

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

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Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.

**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my  
father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of  
my enemies.

**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses  
have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the liv-  
ing.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait  
for the Lord!**

**MUSIC** **Reign in Me** All  
(See song sheet)

### DEPART TO SERVE

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Bruce

Be strong in the Lord. You can walk in God’s ways, for God is with  
you, offering you peace, hope, courage, and joy. God’s love abides with  
you always. Go in peace.

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

## Opportunities This Week

*Monday, March 14*  
Music Rehearsal 7PM Bagley Annex  
(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, [friendofguatemala@gmail.com](mailto:friendofguatemala@gmail.com))

*Tuesday, Mar. 15*  
Good News at Noon 6:30PM at Good News  
(Jean Prezel [jeanprezel@gmail.com](mailto:jeanprezel@gmail.com), 678-720-6945)

Cub Scouts 6:30PM Annex Basement and Pavilion  
(Church Office 770-532-3160, [angelaivey968@gmail.com](mailto:angelaivey968@gmail.com))

*Thursday, Mar. 16*  
Bible Study 10:30AM Virtual  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

Wesley Small Group  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

*Sunday, March 20*  
Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School 9:30AM Annex Basement and Virtual  
(John Wright 404-281-9820, [grampajohngrumps@gmail.com](mailto:grampajohngrumps@gmail.com))

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School 10AM Virtual  
(Rev. Dr. Susan Taylor [revdrtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:revdrtaylor@gmail.com))

Journey to Bethlehem Adult Sunday School 9:45AM Annex Garage  
(Lamar and Judy Jordan 770-536 -9043, [ljordan4751@charter.net](mailto:ljordan4751@charter.net))

Pages Adult Sunday School 10AM Bagley Annex  
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, [rgglenn@aim.com](mailto:rgglenn@aim.com))

Worship 11AM Pavilion and Streaming Online  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

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

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**Next Week's Sermon**  
*Think about it \* Pray about it*  
**The Characters of Lent: Pontius Pilate**  
Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)



*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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