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*The People of God in Worship*  
*January 14, 2018*  
*Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

**THE GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

**THE CHIMES**

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

**THE PRELUDE**

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mr. Vic Angell

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: No matter how far we wander from you, O God, your steadfast love finds us.

**People: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God, your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

Leader: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God, your steadfast presence gives us hope.

**People: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God, you hear our cries and our prayers.**

Leader: God's mercy is new every morning. God's love is everlasting.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 3**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Vic Angell and The Community

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**THE FIRST READING**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Mr. Vic Angell

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**DRAMATIC READING**

*You—Sitting in the Pew Next to Me*  
from *Reaching for Rainbows*, p. 51-56  
Readers: Bonnie Benedict and Gus Lamond

Ann Weems

**ANTHEM**

*He Shall Feed His Flock*

Joseph M. Martin

**THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*Our Father, who 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**\*THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 185**

*Jesus Loves Me*

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Vic Angell

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE THIRD READING**

John 1:43-51

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Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

*Known and Loved*

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

**\*HYMN No. 612**

*In This Very Room*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Gloria*

Traditional French

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

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- \* The ushers will seat those waiting.
  - \* Those who are able will please stand.
  - \* Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of last week's sermon outline and the prayer list are in the narthex.

### Offertory Emphasis

Bridges of Hope ministry partners allow the Alliance of Baptists to support needs ranging from Washington, D.C. – where Calvary Baptist Church conducts its Latino ministry – to a transition program for the homeless in Raleigh, after-school literacy work in New York City, and a seminary in Zimbabwe ... and on to other ministries around the U.S. and worldwide. The Bridges of Hope mission is one way the Alliance provides a clear voice for Christian freedom and concern that is distinctly Baptist and intentionally ecumenical in an interfaith world. This is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

*We combine our concerns and our gifts with others in the Alliance of Baptists as we reach out to those in need around this world. Dismantling walls of neglect and building bridges of hope is a mission we gladly undertake. Amen.*