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*"Christ caring for People  
through People"*

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**John 14 (selected verses -The Message)**

*1-4 "Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I'm taking."*

*15-17" If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!*

*18-20" I will not leave you orphaned. I'm coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you're going to see me because I am alive and you're about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I'm in my Father, and you're in me, and I'm in you.*

Dear Friends,

WOW!!! Talk about a reason to be thankful!

Jesus has just promised that even as God is faithful, so He is faithful. God created us and gave us life. When we in our sin became separated from God He would not allow us to continue in this state of lostness. God sent Jesus to provide the means of our being restored to fellowship with Him. As Jesus was about to accept the cross for our salvation he makes this wonderful series of promises to the disciples and to you and me. He is preparing an eternal home for us in heaven with the Father and himself. But not only that; in the interim He will not leave us alone. He "will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you."

But let's go one step further. Not only will we have this promised Friend (The Holy Spirit) with us, giving us new life, but through this gift of the Spirit, "At that moment you will know absolutely that I'm in my Father, and you're in me, and I'm in you."

Not just a companion, but the very presence of Jesus, and the Father living in us. You are much loved. And you are never alone. Truly now give Thanks and Praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who abide now and forever.

Loving God, we give Thanks and Praise to you for revealing yourself in all these ways and for your indwelling presence daily. Amen.

(Rev.) John McGurrin