

**Today's Worship**  
**April 11, 2021**  
**Second Sunday in Easter**

**WELCOME** Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

**OPENING PRAYER** Chris Hester

**MUSIC** **Because He Lives Amen** All

I believe in the Son  
I believe in the risen One  
I believe, I overcome  
By the power of His blood  
Amen, Amen  
I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives  
Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives  
I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy, call my name  
He rolled the stone away  
Amen, Amen  
I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives  
Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives  
I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives  
Every fear is gone  
I know (I know) He holds (He holds) my life (my life)  
My future in His hands  
Amen, Amen  
I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives  
Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Amen, Amen  
I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives  
Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives  
Because He lives

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Mr. Hester

**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. AMEN**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

Mr. Hester

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

**The Purpose of This Book**

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**MUSIC** **Near to the Heart of God** All

There is a place of quiet rest,  
Near to the heart of God;  
A place where sin cannot molest,  
Near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
Sent from the heart of God;  
Hold us, who wait before Thee,  
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,  
Near to the heart of God;  
A place where we our Savior meet,  
Near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
Sent from the heart of God;  
Hold us, who wait before Thee,  
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,  
Near to the heart of God;  
A place where all is joy and peace,  
Near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
Sent from the heart of God;  
Hold us, who wait before Thee,  
Near to the heart of God.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Rev. Dr. Bruce

**SERMON**

**MUSIC** **Freely, Freely** All

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.  
I've been born again in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his love as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name  
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his pow'r as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.

God gives us life in Jesus' name  
He lives in us in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his peace as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.

**BENEDICTION** Mr. Hester

**Help at Food Pantry**

It's our turn to serve at the food pantry! Join us at the South Hall Community Food Pantry (4211 Walnut Street, Oakwood) on Monday 4-6 and Saturday 10-noon. Wear a mask and help distribute food and good will to some of our brothers and sisters in need. Questions? Contact Jackie Buchan (678-313-8893, [jackiebuchan@charter.net](mailto:jackiebuchan@charter.net)).



**McEver Road UMC is Praying For:**

Family of Jack Anderson (Linda Kern's father)  
Family of Joe Durrence (Paul's father)  
Dick Fleming  
Family of Paul Hagerty  
Family of Michael Johnson (Renee Bender)  
Tommie Love (community member)  
Lee Smee (Lloyd and Florence's son)

**Continued Prayers For:**

Pat Adams, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Bill Carman, Brandon Cartledge, Judy Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Walter P. Emerson Family, Carolyn and Lloyd Evans, Martha Farr, Shari Gwaltney, Jill Johnson, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Mark Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, Celeste Mullins, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Carol and Martha Shay, Shelly Simpson, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Hannah Turcotte, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocum, John Young, all 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, Jacob Miller, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

**Missionaries:**

Ashley Johnson, Christie and Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan

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

**Next Week's Sermon:**  
**The Hidden God**  
*Matthew 2:1-12*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Maggie Bassett	4/11	Margie Barron	4/16
Pat Adams	4/13	Vickie Fieser	4/17
Mollie Burgess	4/14		

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Tom and Nancy Updegrave 4/14

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**The Week at a Glance**

*Monday, April 12*

Serve at South Hall Community Food Pantry 4-6PM  
(Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, [jackiebuchan@charter.net](mailto:jackiebuchan@charter.net))

*Wednesday, April 14*

Bible Study 7:30PM virtual  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

*Thursday, April 15*

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

Young Wesley Group 7PM at the Sepulvedas' home  
(Jennifer Sepulveda 678-780-6421, [jsep41914@gmail.com](mailto:jsep41914@gmail.com))

Wesley Group 7PM virtual

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

*Saturday, April 17*

Serve at South Hall Community Food Pantry 10-noon  
(Jackie Buchan 678-313-8893, [jackiebuchan@charter.net](mailto:jackiebuchan@charter.net))

*Sunday, April 18*

The Current Worship any time via You Tube  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

Children's Sunday School 9:15AM virtual  
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, [chrishester23@gmail.com](mailto:chrishester23@gmail.com))

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

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School class 10AM virtual  
(Debbie Durrence 678-833-1214, [debbie.durrence@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.durrence@gmail.com))

Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10AM Bagley Annex and virtual  
(John Wright 404-281-9820, [grampajohngrumps@gmail.com](mailto:grampajohngrumps@gmail.com))

Traditional Worship 11AM on the lawn and streaming online  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

Virtual Lift Your Spirits Café 12 noon via Zoom  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

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

Book Discussion Group 4PM virtual  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))



*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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