

Today's Worship
September 12, 2021
16th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME R. Garry Glenn

OPENING PRAYER

LITANY OF HEALING AND HOPE FOR SEPT. 11

Leader: When memories of terror reawaken the past, and experiences of death, loss, and grief, then ...

People: In your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world.

Leader: When anger and inflamed passion tempt us to respond with violence and seek revenge, then ...

People: In your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world.

Leader: When we are enticed to give in to the illusion that war alone will resolve conflict between enemies, then ...

People: In your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world.

Leader: When it feels like every menace, whether imagined or real, is a threat to our security, and fills us with fear, then ...

People: In your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world.

Leader: When religion is used as an excuse to exclude, threaten, or destroy others, forgetting or ignoring all that unites us, then ...

People: In your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world.

Leader: When we become stuck in the past, unable to respond to the challenges we face with vision and hope, then ...

People: In your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world.

Leader: When we wrestle with how to create a better future for our children, even to the seventh generation, then ...

People: In your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world.

Leader: When we struggle to find a new and peaceful way to live in the world, and forget that you, O God, are our help and salvation, then ...

People: In your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world.

Leader: O God of all peoples, nations and creeds: you have created us and rejoiced in the goodness of creation, and have wept with us when have experienced death, loss and grief. Send your healing presence into the world and endow all people, leaders, groups and nations with your vision of unity and peace; so that we and all people may move on from the wounds of the past and seek to live in harmony with one another; to the end that the goodness of your creation may be restored, enhanced and sustained for the common good of all.

Through mercies of your love and grace, and in your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world. Amen!

MUSIC **I Will Enter His Gates** All

MUSIC **Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us** All

PASTORAL PRAYER Heather Barrera

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 10:11-21 (NRSV)** Ms. Barrera

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

19 Again the Jews were divided because of these words. 20 Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?" 21 Others were saying, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"


MUSIC **Gentle Shepherd** All

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Mr. Glenn


SERMON **Just a Bunch of Sheep?**

MUSIC **Surely Goodness and Mercy** All

BENEDICTION Ms. Barrera



Joan Floyd	9/15	Lamar Jordan	9/19
Natalie Chapman	9/17	Lynda Price	9/19
Glen Floyd	9/18	Linda Kern	9/20
Ray Bender	9/19		



Richard and Wendy Baker	9/18
Rob and Sherry Bruce	9/23

Agape Ministry Update

The staff of Northeast Georgia Medical have been so grateful to receive the cups of kindness over the past couple of months. Our chaplains have been giving out cups to staff members after a patient passes away. It has been a great way to show compassion to those who care for patients at the end of their lives. It also provides staff a moment to be still and reflect on their own grief. Compassion increases staff resilience. Please know your donations and participation make a huge difference. Thank you!

We are getting ready to meet, fellowship and assemble 100 cups together on **Saturday Sept. 25th at 10am-11am.** Please join us and bring your families! If you cannot come to the meeting, your donation of money or materials is welcome and encouraged! We can use packets of gum, chocolates, mints, or tea bags. **Call or text Karen @ 678-938-2887.**

Gratefully,
Reverend Karen

McEver Rd Church

is Praying For:

Bill Austin
Peggy Bailey (Sandy Smee's mother)
Ms. Craine (Channing White's teacher)
Mitch Edwards (Terry Lawrence's nephew)
Rev. David Gravitt
Jennifer Jones
Family of Jan Johnson (Dynelle Martin's mother)
Family of Demetrio (Luy) Mucun (HUGS Guatemala missionary)
Kelly Sisk and daughter
Lee Smee
Barr Venson and family
Dr. Mary Watkins (friend of Don Cooper)
Karen Wilson (wife of Rev. Scott Wilson, Zion Hill Baptist Church)



Continued Prayers For:

Pat Adams, Bill Anderson, Margie Barron, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Bill Carman, Brandon Cartledge, Judy and Max Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Walter P. Emerson Family, Carolyn and Lloyd Evans, Martha Farr, Dick Fleming, Shari Gwaltney, Jill Johnson, Luci King, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Vivian Mills, 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, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Linda Yocum, John Young, those 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, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

Missionaries:

Ashley Johnson, Christie and Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan, Zonia Mucun

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Opportunities This Week

Monday, Sep. 13

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

Tuesday, Sep. 14

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, Sept. 16

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 at Jennifer and Johnny Sepulveda's home
(Jennifer Sepulveda 678-780-6421, jsep41914@gmail.com)

Sunday, Sept. 19

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
10AM 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)

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, jbbuchan@gmail.com)

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

Next Week's Sermon

Think about it * Pray about it

Back to Judea

John 11:1-44



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A United Methodist Community

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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