

**Today's Worship**  
**January 30, 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the Lord, we take refuge from our fears and troubles.

**People: Help us, O Lord.**

L: We feel besieged everywhere and we don't think anyone cares about US.

**P: Listen to us, Lord, and deliver us.**

L: The Lord is our hope and our trust.

**P: The Lord will heal and guide us. We do not need to fear. AMEN.**

**MUSIC**

**In My Heart There Rings a Melody**

All

I have a song that Jesus gave me  
It was sent from heav'n above  
There never was a sweeter melody  
'Tis a melody of love

In my heart there rings a melody  
There rings a melody with heaven's harmony  
In my heart there rings a melody  
There rings a melody of love

I love the Christ who died on Calv'ry  
For He washed my sins away  
He put within my heart a melody  
And I know it's there to stay

'Twill be my endless theme in glory  
With the angels I will sing  
'Twill be a song with glorious harmony  
When the courts of heaven ring

**MUSIC**

**Love Lifted Me**

All

I was sinking deep in sin  
Far from the peaceful shore  
Very deeply stained within  
Sinking to rise no more  
But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry  
From the waters lifted me  
Now safe am I

(Chorus)

Love lifted me, love lifted me  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me  
(Repeat)

All my heart to Him I give  
Ever to Him I'll cling  
In His blessed presence live  
Ever His praises sing  
Love so mighty and so true  
Merits my soul's best songs  
Faithful loving service too  
To Him belongs

Souls in danger look above  
Jesus completely saves  
He will lift you by His love  
Out of the angry waves  
He's the Master of the sea  
Billows His will obey  
He your Savior wants to be  
Be saved today

**OPENING PRAYER S**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

The petitions are followed by:

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

R. Garry Glenn

**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**

**I Am Loved**

Janni Martin, Solo

(Congregation join in after first chorus. See Music Sheet.)

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Corinthians 13 (NRSV)

Mr. Glenn

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant  
5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;  
6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears  
all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as  
for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.  
9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10 but when  
the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a  
child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child;  
when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12 For now we  
see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know  
only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.  
13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of  
these is love.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

**SERMON**

**It Keeps on Ticking**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

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**MUSIC**

**The Gift of Love**  
(See Music Sheet)

All

**DEPART TO SERVE**

**BENEDICTION**

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Go forth, celebrating faith.  
Go forth, celebrating hope.  
Go forth, celebrating love.  
Go forth to be the transformed people that God calls us to be.  
Go forth to transform the world—in times of prosperity,  
but most especially, in times of disbelief, hostility, fear, and rejection.  
Go forth with the knowledge that you are always surrounded by the  
presence of our steadfast, loving God, our rock and our redeemer.

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



**McEver Rd Church is Praying For:**

Barrera Family (Heather's mother died)  
Family of Jack Brock  
Tommy Haley (Ed Kern's friend, COVID)  
Kaye Herth (COVID, flu, strep)  
Mike Wofford (cancer)

**Continued Prayers For:**

Pat Adams, Margie Barron, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Brandon Cartledge, Judy and Max Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Pete Ellis, 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, Red Bird Mission, Carol and Martha Shay, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Barbara Vogt, Sharon Walton, Teresa Wheeler, Karen Wilson, Linda Yocom, John Young, all 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

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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sam Buchan	1/30	Jana Hutson	2/6
Rose Lively	1/31	Benjamin Barrera	2/8
Duane Condra	2/1	Marty Bonim	2/9
David Syme	2/5	Debbie Phillips	2/10

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Bob and Neva Wilder 2/1

**Opportunities This Week**

*Monday, Jan. 31*  
Music Rehearsal 7PM Bagley Annex  
(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, [friendofguatemala@gmail.com](mailto:friendofguatemala@gmail.com))

*Thursday, Feb. 3*  
Bible Study 10:30AM virtual  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

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

*Sunday, Feb. 6*  
Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 9:30AM virtual  
(John Wright 404-281-9820, [grampajohngrumps@gmail.com](mailto:grampajohngrumps@gmail.com))

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

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

**Next Week's Sermon**  
*Think about it \* Pray about it*  
**Augustine**  
Romans 7:14-25

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*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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