

Today's Worship
February 27, 2022
Eighth Sunday after The Epiphany
Transformation Sunday

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

P: Open our hearts to receive that hope.

L: We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.

P: Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.

L: Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of God.

P: Praise be to God who continues to bless and restore us. AMEN

MUSIC

At Calvary

All

Years I spent in vanity and pride
Caring not my Lord was crucified
Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary

Mercy there was great and grace was free
Pardon there was multiplied to me
There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary

By God's Word at last my sin I learned
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary

Now I've given to Jesus everything
Now I gladly own Him as my King
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary

Oh the love that drew salvation's plan
Oh the grace that brought it down to man
Oh the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary

MUSIC

Pass Me Not

McEver Singers

OPENING PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The petitions are followed by:

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

All

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land
A home within the wilderness
A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
who suffered there for me
And from my smitten heart,
with tears, two wonders I confess
The wonder of redeeming love
and my unworthiness

I take O cross thy shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine
The sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame
My glory all the cross

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 15:6–19 (NRSV)

Ms. Wimpy

6 Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. 7 Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. 8 So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. 9 Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for

them instead. 12 Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 They shouted back, "Crucify him!" 14 Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

16 Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.

17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. 18 And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON

Famous Conversions: St. Teresa of Avila

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

MUSIC

Amazing Grace

All

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

DEPART TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Ms. Wimpy

Led by the Spirit, go forth in God's love.
Illumined by the Spirit, shine with Christ's light.

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



McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Family of Jack Brock (Linda Coleman's friend)
Julie Chapman (gallbladder surgery)
Family of Bill Clements (Ron's father)
Tommy Haley (Ed Kern's friend, COVID)
Linda Hollimon (renal failure)
Lynda Justice (Browns' friend, husband died)
Family of Kerry Kerr (Rev. Tom Kerr's daughter)

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, Karen Wilson, Mike Wofford, 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, Kendall Payne, 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) for updates to the prayer list.

Opportunities This Week

Monday, Feb. 28
Music Rehearsal 7PM Bagley Annex
(Janni Martin 770-533-0679, friendofguatemala@gmail.com)

Tuesday, Mar. 1
Good News at Noon 6:30PM at Good News
(Jean Prezel jeanprezel@gmail.com, 678-720-6945)

Cub Scouts 6:30PM Annex Basement and Pavilion
(Church Office 770-532-3160, angelaivey968@gmail.com)

Wednesday, Mar. 2
Ash Wednesday Service 7PM Pavilion and Virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Thursday, Mar. 3
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)

Sunday, March 6
Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School 9:30AM Annex Basement and Virtual
(John Wright 404-281-9820, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com)

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School 10AM Virtual
(Rev. Dr. Susan Taylor revdrtaylor@gmail.com)

Journey to Bethlehem Adult Sunday School 9:45AM Annex Garage
(Lamar and Judy Jordan 770-536-9043, ljordan4751@charter.net)

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

Worship 11AM Pavilion and Streaming Online
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

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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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

James Dover	3/1
Tom Christian	3/2

Next Week's Sermon
*Think about it * Pray about it*
The Characters of Lent: Satan
Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

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