

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

#### WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

#### AN INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Karen Hoyt

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### HYMN

The Heart of Worship  
(See song sheet)

All

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:1-6 (NRSV)

Rev. Hoyt

6 “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5 “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:16–21 (NRSV)

16 “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Concerning Treasures

Luke 12:33–34 (NRSV)

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### SERMON

The Followers

Rev. Dr. Bruce

#### SONG

Psalms 51:12

All

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit in me - repeat  
Cast me not away from thy presence O Lord  
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me, the joy of my salvation  
and renew a right spirit within me

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Rev. Dr. Bruce

#### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*(See back)*

**A PSALM OF CONFESSION** Psalm 51:1-17 Rev. Hoyt  
*(Followed by Silent Confession)*

**WORDS OF ABSOLUTION** Rev. Dr. Bruce

**EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

**\*SONG** Search Me All  
(See song sheet)

**DEPART IN SILENCE**



*Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ*



**Join Us at Our  
Lenten and Easter Services**

Maundy Thursday	April 14	7PM
Good Friday	April 15	3PM (meditation, virtual only)
Easter Sunrise	April 17	7AM
Easter Service	April 17	11AM

All services except Good Friday are in person and live streamed on YouTube. (Go to [mceverumc.org](http://mceverumc.org) and click on "Join Us Now")

**Church Wi-Fi: MCEVER**  
**Password: 5226McEver**

Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/McEverUMC](https://www.facebook.com/McEverUMC)  
Twitter: [@McEverRoadUMC](https://twitter.com/McEverRoadUMC)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mceverumc/mceverumc.org>

**McEver Road UMC 5226 McEver Road Oakwood, GA 30566**  
**770.532.3160 [mceverumc.org](http://mceverumc.org)**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net)  
Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care: Rev. Karen Hoyt [karenhoyt1@gmail.com](mailto:karenhoyt1@gmail.com)  
Youth and Children's Director: Chris Hester [chrishester23@gmail.com](mailto:chrishester23@gmail.com)  
Church Office: Angela Ivey [angelaivey968@gmail.com](mailto:angelaivey968@gmail.com)