

Today's Worship
April 24, 2022
2nd Sunday of Easter
Festival of God's Creation

GATHERING

WELCOME Chris Hester

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Wanda Dill

OPENING PRAYER Mr. Hester

L: Welcome this day to a celebration of God's magnificent creation!

P: Thanks be to God the Creator who has loaned to us such a beautiful planet.

L: Welcome this day to a recognition of God's redeeming love!

P: Thanks to God the Redeemer who has given us God's only Son as our Example and Teacher, Our Savior and Redeemer!

L: Welcome this day to the joy of God's Holy Spirit of truth and power!

P: Thanks to God the Sustainer who walks with us every day, guiding and guarding our steps. AMEN.

MUSIC **Jesus Is Alive** All
(See Song Sheet)

MUSIC **Alleluia** All
(Verses 1, 2, 3, 5. See Song Sheet)

OPENING PRAYERS

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.

MUSIC **He Keeps Me Singing** All

There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low
Fear not I am with thee peace be still
In all of life's ebb and flow

Chorus

Jesus Jesus Jesus
Sweetest name I know
Fills my ev'ry longing
Keeps me singing as I go

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife
Discord filled my heart with pain
Jesus swept across the broken strings
Stirred the slumb'ring chords again

Feasting on the riches of His grace
Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing
Always looking on His smiling face
That is why I shout and sing

Though sometimes He leads through waters deep
Trials fall across the way
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep
See His footprints all the way

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 28:16-20 CEB** Ms. Barrera

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. 18 Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Mr. Hester

SERMON **Steadfast Love**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD All

Jesus, our Savior, in response to your call to be your faithful disciples, we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Open our lives and teach us how to follow your great commission to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach them your ways. Let us know the full blessings of our God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

MUSIC **I Live** All
(See Song Sheet)

DEPART TO SERVE

BENEDICTION All

L: Let us go forth in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

P: We will make disciples of all nations. We will baptize and teach them of our God.

L: Remember that Jesus is with you to the end of the age.

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

Opportunities this Week

Monday, April 25

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

Tuesday, April 26

Craft and Quilt Squad 11AM Annex Sunroom
(Suanne Stewart 770-842-1364)

Cub Scouts 6:30PM Annex Basement and Pavilion
(Church Office 770-532-3160, angelavey968@gmail.com)

Wednesday, April 27

Bible Study 7PM Virtual
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Thursday, April 28

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

Sunday, May 1

Holy Grounds: Coffee, Community, & Jesus 9AM Pavilion
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Children's Sunday School 10AM Annex Sunroom
(Chris Hester 678-936-5127, chrishester23@gmail.com)

Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10AM Annex Basement
(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 Annex Classroom
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, rglenn@aim.com)

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

Next Week's Sermon

Think about it * Pray about it
Steadfast Love
Exodus 20:4-6, John 3:16 (NRSV)

McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Bill Daumen (Ed Kern's brother-in-law, hospice)
Susan Dover (passing of father)
Family of Tommy Haley (Ed Kern's friend)
Zonia Mucun (HUGS missionary, surgery)
Tom Sorrells (Richard Tilley's friend)
David Syme's granddaughter Katie and great
granddaughter Camryn (serious injuries in car accident)
Jerry Thompson (cancer)
Hunter Vickery (Martins' friend)
Bob Wilder (hospice)



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, Walter P. Emerson Family, Carolyn and Lloyd Evans, Martha Farr, Dick Fleming, Shari Gwaltney, Linda Hollimon, Jill Johnson, Luci King, Michele Lecorchie, 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 Sme, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Connie Towe, Barbara Vogt, Sharon Walton, 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, 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.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by Hector and Heather Barrera in memory of Heather's mother on her birthday April 30th.

Church Wi-Fi: MCEVER
Password: 5226McEver

Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/McEverUMC](https://www.facebook.com/McEverUMC)
Twitter: @McEverRoadUMC
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mceverumc/>
mceverumc.org



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!

McEver Road UMC 5226 McEver Road Oakwood, GA 30566
770.532.3160 mceverumc.org

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce rob.bruce@ngumc.net
Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care: Rev. Karen Hoyt karenhoyt1@gmail.com
Youth and Children's Director: Chris Hester chrishester23@gmail.com
Church Office: Angela Ivey angelavey968@gmail.com