

Today's Worship
May 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and People

L: Awake! Rise up!

P: There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.

L: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

P: We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.

L; Open your hearts to God's will this day.

P: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. AMEN.

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS Rev. Dr. Bruce

MUSIC **Beloved/Reckless Love** All

(See Song Sheet)

MUSIC **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** All

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh breathe, thy loving Spirit,
Into every troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning,
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing;
Serve thee as thy hosts above.
Pray and praise thee without ceasing;
Glory in Thy perfect love.

BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE Rev. Dr. Bruce
AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

PASTOR: Members of the household of God, I commend Ruby to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

CONGREGATION: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

OPENING PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chris Hester

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 forever.

MUSIC **What a Beautiful Name** Clark Wright

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE **1 John 4:7-12 (NRSV)** Rev. Hester
7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON **Perfect Love**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

MUSIC **Hold Us Together** All

(See Song Sheet)

DEPART TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Hester: Go forth in peace and hope this day, for God is your guardian and guide. Bring news of God's love to all whom you meet.

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

Opportunities this Week

Monday, May 9

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

Tuesday, May 10

Craft and Quilt Squad 11 a.m. Annex Sunroom
(Suanne Stewart 770-842-1364)

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

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 15

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

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

Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School class 10 a.m. Bagley Annex basement
(John Wright 404-281-9820, grampajohngrumps@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

Leadership Team 2 p.m. at the Bagley Annex
(Ben Buchan 770-402-2884, jbbuchan@gmail.com)

Pre-Conference Briefing 2 p.m. Virtual
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, rob.bruce@ngumc.net)

Next Week's Sermon

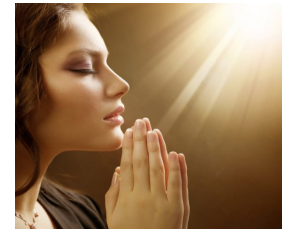
Think about it * Pray about it

Sacrificial Love

John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Family of Bill Daumen (Ed Kern's brother-in-law)
Tom Sorrells (Richard Tilley's friend)
David Syme's granddaughter Katie and great
granddaughter Camryn (serious injuries in car
accident)
Nancy Updegrove (broken hip)
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 Mobarrry, Paul Mobarrry, Celeste Mullins, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Red Bird Mission, Carol and Martha Shay, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Jerry Thompson, 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 Lloyd and Florence Smee in honor and memory of all mothers on Mothers' Day.

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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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