

**Today's Worship**  
**May 15, 2022**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor and People

L: Jesus reminded the disciples

**P: Love one another as I have loved you.**

L: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

**P: Love one another as I have loved you.**

L: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

**P: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. AMEN.**

**MUSIC**

**Reckless Love/Hold Us Together**

All

(See Song Sheet)

**MUSIC**

**I Stand Amazed**

All

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous, how wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous, how wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me.

He took my sins and my sorrows;  
He made them His very own.  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.

(Refrain)

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

(Refrain)

**OPENING 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 forever.**

**MUSIC**

**Amazing Love**

Janni and Dynelle Martin

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

**John 13:31-35 (NRSV)**

Mr. Glenn

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

**SERMON**

**Sacrificial Love**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**MUSIC**

**Jesus Loves Me**

All

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me."

(Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live.

(Refrain)

**DEPART TO SERVE**

**BENEDICTION**

Mr. Glenn: May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits as you go forth into God's world. Be bearers of peace and hope to all you meet, and may God's peace be with you always.

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

## Opportunities this Week

*Monday, May 16*

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

*Tuesday, May 17*

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

Good News at Noon 6:30 p.m. at Good News  
(Jean Prezel [jeanprezel@gmail.com](mailto:jeanprezel@gmail.com), 678-720-6945)

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

*Thursday, May 19*

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

Wesley Small Group

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

*Sunday, May 22*

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

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

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

Current Hearts Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Virtual  
(Rev. Dr. Susan Taylor [revdrtaylor@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ljordan4751@charter.net))

Pages Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Bagley Annex  
(Garry Glenn 678-617-8073, [rgglenn@aim.com](mailto:rgglenn@aim.com))

Worship 11 a.m. 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*

**Lasting Love**

Hosea 6:1-6 (NRSV)

## McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Family of Bill Daumen (Ed Kern's brother-in-law)  
Family of Celeste Mullins (Trisha Cooper's sister)  
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 Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Vivian Mills, Mark Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, 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

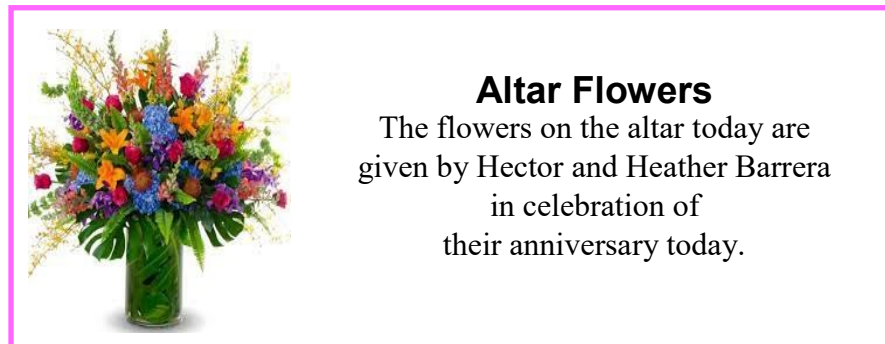
## Our Service Men and Women:

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](mailto: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 celebration of  
their anniversary today.

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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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