

**Today's Worship
May 22, 2022
6th Sunday in Easter**

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor and People

L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

P: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

P: Let all the people praise God with their music and voices!

L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

P: Praise is to God. AMEN!

MUSIC

And Can It Be

All

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

MUSIC

Blessed Assurance

All

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
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Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

OPENING PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heather Barrera

The petitions are followed by:

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ms. 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 forever.

MUSIC

Sometimes It Takes a Mountain

Clark Wright

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 6:1-6 (NRSV)

Ms. Barrera

6 "Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us,
that we may live before him.

3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON

Lasting Love

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!

DEPART TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Ms. Barrera: Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God's love. Cast the nets of grace wide so that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God's light! May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—bless you with the radiance of love.

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

Opportunities this Week

Monday, May 23

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

Tuesday, May 24

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)

Sunday, May 29

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)

McEver Rd Church is Praying For:

Family of Bill Daumen (Ed Kern's brother-in-law)
Family of Celeste Mullins (Trisha Cooper's sister)
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 Mobarrry, Paul Mobarrry, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Red Bird Mission, Carol and Martha Shay, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Tom Sorrells, 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 Morris and Jane Hollingsworth in memory of their neighbor Chad Smith (1976-2021).

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Next Week's Sermon

*Think about it * Pray about it*
What Are You Looking At?
Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)



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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