

**Today's Worship**  
**May 29, 2022**  
**7th Sunday in Easter**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor and People

L: Why do you look upward?

**P: Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.**

L: Look around you. What do you see?

**P: There are so many places where the love of God is needed.**

L: Look beyond you. Where will you go?

**P: Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God's healing love to all.**

**AMEN.**

**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

**MUSIC**

**Shine, Jesus Shine**

All

Graham Kendrick, 1987

Shine, Jesus shine;  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze;  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow;  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word, Lord,  
And let there be light.

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining.  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness.  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory;  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

**MUSIC**

**This Little Light of Mine**

All

African American Spiritual, adapt. by William F. Smith 1987

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine)

(All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine)

**OPENING PRAYERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Tracey Wimpy

The petitions are followed by:

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Ms. Wimpy

**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**

**The Name of Jesus Medley**

McEver Singers

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)

Ms. Wimpy

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the

kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

**SERMON**

**What Are You Looking At?**

**MUSIC**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

All

Helen Lemmel, 1922

O soul are you weary and troubled;  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

**DEPART TO SERVE**

**BENEDICTION**

Ms. Wimpy: You are called to witness God's love. Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive power from on high. Go into God's world in confidence, offering healing and hope to all you meet. Go in peace, and may God's peace be with you.

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

## Opportunities This Week

Monday, May 30  
Memorial Day

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

Tuesday, May 31

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](mailto:angelaivey968@gmail.com))

Thursday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 4

Karen Hoyt Ordination, 10:30 a.m. Classic Center in Athens  
(Rob Bruce 404-906-8276, [rob.bruce@ngumc.net](mailto:rob.bruce@ngumc.net))

Sunday, June 5

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  
**What Does This Mean?**  
Acts 2:1-12 (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)  
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 Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, 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](mailto: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  
all the men and women who have given their  
lives in service to our country.

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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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