

**Today's Worship**  
**June 26, 2022**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME** Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor and People

I thank you, the members and friends of McEver Road, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister at Watkinsville First. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor.

**MUSIC** **There's Within My Heart a Melody** 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.

Refrain:  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,  
Sweetest name I know,  
Fills my every longing,  
Keeps me singing as I go.

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.

Feasting on the riches of his grace,  
Resting neath his sheltering wing,  
Always looking on his smiling face,  
That is why I shout and sing.

**MUSIC** **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** All

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:  
Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**OPENING PRAYERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The petitions are followed by:  
**ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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 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.

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'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE** Revelation 3:7–13 (NRSV) Rev. Dr. Bruce

7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens: 8 “I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. 9 I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. 11 I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. 12 If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 13 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**                      **The Open Door**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**MUSIC**                      **Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

All

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:  
It is well,  
With my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

**DEPART TO SERVE**

**BENEDICTION**    Rev. Dr. Bruce

May the transforming love of God work in your lives, today and always.  
Go forth into the world with peace, love, and joy. Follow Christ wherever  
he leads you. Fulfill the promise found in the fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

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

**Next Week's Sermon**

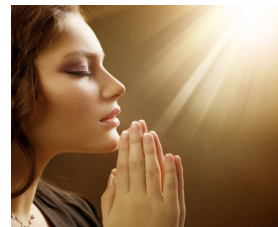
*Think about it \* Pray about it*

**Who Is Our Neighbor?**

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20  
Rev. Karen Hoyt preaching

**McEver Rd Church is Praying For:**

Diane Davis (serious health issues)  
Carolyn Evans (Garry Glenn's aunt)  
Joyce Fike (Jeannette Christman's friend)



**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, 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, Tom Sorrells, Kya Strickland, Jerry Thompson, Connie Towe, Barbara Vogt, Sharon Walton, Bob Wilder, 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

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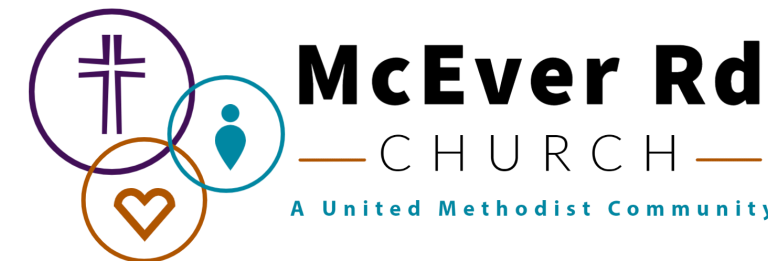


**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar today are given by Lloyd and Florence Smee in honor of Joseph Smee receiving the rank of Eagle Scout and in appreciation to Rob and Sherry Bruce for 11 years of service and friendship.

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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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