Today's Worship
November 22, 2026

GATHERING

WELCOME Garry Glenn

***SONG** **You Never Let Go** All

***SONG** **Your Grace Is Enough** All

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Garry Glenn

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER All

Our Father, who 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. AMEN

***SONG** **His Eye Is on the Sparrow** McEver Singers

THE WORD Garry Glenn

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. **9** Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. **10** That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

PRAYER

SERMON **Paul's Thorn** Mrs. Bee Luse

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What is my biggest thorn? Who can I talk to about it?
2. Even if Jesus never takes my thorn away, how can I flip the script and turn it into an advantage rather than a deficit?
3. How can I use my thorn to glorify God instead of letting it continue to hurt me, or others?

GIVING OPPORTUNITY Garry Glenn

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER Garry Glenn

***SONG** **Love Lifted Me** All

BENEDICTION Bee Luse

Leader: We all have thorns, but we do not have to let ourselves suffer from them!

ALL: Let us go forth and remember that even roses have thorns as we *Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ!* **AMEN**

** Bee selected the cardinal to honor her grandmothers **

Notes & Take Aways

Announcements and Events

Holiday Decorating 2026

We will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas immediately after the service today!

We invite you to join us as we prepare the church for the holiday season!



Opportunity to Serve
South Hall Community Food Pantry

Monday, November 23 - 4:00pm to 6:00pm
10 - 12 Volunteers needed!

Saturday, November 28 - 10:00am to 12:00pm
10 - 12 Volunteers needed!

South Hall Community Food Pantry Needs

24oz jars of Pasta Sauce
1lb (pound) packages of rice, beans, or pasta
15oz-16oz cans of fruit
15oz or 18oz jelly
Saltine crackers
Bagged dog and cat food
Clean, empty 12ct. egg cartons

Please place these items on the table in the Bagley Annex kitchen.

Staff Love Offering

It's time to recognize our staff with our annual love offering. We appreciate our staff and all they do for McEver Road UMC. Please mark your contribution "Staff Christmas" and mail or bring it to the church NO LATER THAN Sunday, December 20th. Thank you!

Nancie Daugherty
Staff Parish Relations

Now it's easy to make your donation online!

Simply scan this QR code with your phone's camera and complete the online form!

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www.mceverumc.org/give

Today's Greeters

11:00am: Judy Jordan and Jim Prezel

Church Wi-Fi: MCEVER
Password: 5226McEver

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McEver Rd CHURCH
A United Methodist Community

Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We are truly glad you're here!

No matter your background, status, or story—you are welcome. Whether you feel like you have everything or nothing, have strong family bonds or feel like the "odd-one-out," are young or simply young at heart, we embrace you just as you are. Regardless of who you are or whatever box/label someone gave you, we strive to see the image of God in everyone. If you are struggling, seeking, doubting, or carrying wounds from the past, know that God meets us where we are. And today, we are grateful to meet you exactly where you are.

Welcome to McEver Road United Methodist Church
We're so glad you're here!

Tips for New Worshipers:

Coming to a new space with new people can be overwhelming. Let us help you feel more comfortable and at ease:

- Enjoy refreshments at the snack table and coffee bar at anytime
- Bathrooms are located in the back of the Pavilion (where you are now) with additional ones located inside the Bagley House.

Tips for New Families:

All ages are welcome to worship with us during this worship hour. That being said, we know each family has different needs:

- If your family chooses to stay in the Pavilion, we have green worship bags available for younger ages to use (At the end of the service, please return them so we can reuse them next week!)
- If you need nursery care (0-3 years old), then we have a wonderful space and trained volunteers ready to love on them in the Nursery Room located downstairs inside the Bagley House
- If your children (K-5th) would like to participate in Kids Worship for a fun, engaging experience, please join them in the Kids Area, downstairs inside the Bagley House

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