

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Rev. Felix McManus*

**Sunrise**  
January 28, 1923

**Sunset**  
September 7, 2015



*Thursday, September 17, 2015 - 12:00 Noon*

**CHRIST CHURCH**  
68 Church Street • Montclair, New Jersey

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort.....*Pastor Jack Redmond*

Musical Selection.....*“Precious Lord”*  
*Jena Fisher & Clay Bogan*

## Scripture Reading:

Old Testament - Psalm 23, Psalm 30:5b.....*Tracey Stevens*

New Testament - John 14:1-4, John 16:33.....*Sallie Days*

Acknowledgements/Reading of Cards.....*Evelyn J. Merrick*

Remarks & Reflections.....*Family & Friends*

Obituary.....*Cornell Smith*

Musical Selection.....*“It Is Well With My Soul”*  
*Jena Fisher & Clay Bogan*

Eulogy.....*Pastor Jack Redmond*

Honor Guard

Benediction.....*Pastor Jack Redmond*

Recessional.....*“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”*

## Obituary

**Felix McManus** was born on January 28, 1923, in Edgefield, South Carolina, the first of Isaac and Essie Stevens McManus's twelve children. Felix was called "Bud" by family, and "Mac" by some of his friends.

Shortly after enrolling in South Carolina State College, during World War II, he was called to military duty. He enlisted in the United States Navy, serving from 1943 to 1946.

Felix married Effie Mae Byrd on Christmas Day, 1950. They migrated north, settling in Newark, New Jersey. Over the years, the family grew to include three daughters and one son. Felix worked for Trinity Paper Company and 20th Century Cab Company for many years, before going out on his own into the dry cleaning and tailoring business.

Felix and Effie were devout Christians, and joined the Church of Illumination in Newark (later renamed Church of Light). The founder of the church, Bishop Arthur A. Cole, before his own passing, selected Felix to be the next assistant pastor. Felix was ordained in 1996, and succeeded Rev. Eugene J. Robinson as pastor.

Rev. McManus was passionate about growing the congregation, especially, bringing young people into the church. And he was devoted to its elder members, as well as to senior citizens in his community outside the church.

How fitting that a man who worked earnestly his whole life, completed his final task – letting go of his earthly life – on Labor Day.

Rev. McManus was predeceased by his wife, Effie, as well as siblings, Edward, Gladys, Joseph, Lawrence, and Talmadge, a stepbrother. He leaves behind daughters, Janis, Karen and Alexandra; son, Benjamin; sisters, Cornelia McManus, Doris Freeman, Reba Dixon, Juanita Robinson, and Cassandra McManus; brothers, Gilmore McManus (Diane) and Bobby McManus (Marjorie); grandsons, Ein and Ellery; great-grandson, Jordan; along with numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins as well as many devoted friends.

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# *Beyond Life's Gateway*

*There's an open gate  
at the end of the Road  
Through which each one  
must go alone  
And there is a light we cannot see  
Our Father claims His own  
Beyond the Gate our loved one finds  
Happiness and rest  
And there is comfort in the thought  
that a loving God knows best.*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Rev. Felix McManus** thanks everyone for their visitations, kind words, and prayers during his final weeks and days. Gratitude and blessings to you all.

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