

4th Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2021

GREETING AND WELCOME

Buddy Butler

PRELUDE

There Is a Redeemer

Jerrie Sue Massengale

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God brought us to life with Christ.

ALL: God so loved the world.

ONE: God is rich in mercy.

ALL: God sent us Jesus.

ONE: You are saved by God's grace.

ALL: We are created for good works.

OPENING PRAYER

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HYMN OF PRAISE, 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Choir

*PROFESSION OF FAITH, 881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI, 70 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 I lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

DOXOLOGY, 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN, 363

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:1-15

SERMON

"A Costly Choice"

Buddy Butler

INVITATIONAL HYMN, 536

Precious Name

Choir

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Jesus Paid It All

Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able



You may see Pastor Buddy's video bible study on our Facebook page: First United Methodist Church-Copperhill. You can also subscribe on YouTube. The audio-only version is available on Sermon by Phone at 423-226-6437.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Prayers of the People: As a way of making sure prayer requests may be heard by online listeners, it is requested that a prayer card be filled out (please print) and given to Pastor Buddy prior to the Prayers of the People time during the service. The blue prayer cards are available in the Narthex.

The **Community Meal** has resumed on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. Meals are "to go" only. There is no charge for meals but donations are accepted and appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. The volunteers served 121 meals on March 8. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

The **United Methodist Women's Pecan Sale** is concluding: only 6 bags remain: 5 pieces and 1 cinnamon glazed —discounted to \$10.00 each.

Attention High School Seniors: 2021 **Faith Scholarship** and **Tommy Mitchell Memorial Scholarship** applications are available in the church office or in the Guidance Counselor's Office at Fannin County High School and Copper Basin High School. Completed applications must be received in the church office by 2 p.m. on April 15, whether brought in person, or sent via email or by mail.

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE! The UMCOR Special Sunday is today and we want to remind you that even though writing a check or putting cash in the offering doesn't feel exciting, you really ARE making a difference. Here are a few of the ways your donations to UMCOR on this Special Sunday help: ● Refugees in Clarkston, GA earn a living wage and get job training. ● Deliver food, water, shelter, and long-term recovery assistance to help many of the 68.5 million people displaced by war, persecution, and natural disaster. ● Distribute relief kits to those in need following the U.S. hurricanes of 2017. There are countless other stories about seeing God's work in action through UMCOR. We want you to know that it is something we can do together to help give relief and spread God's love throughout the world. Your gifts on UMCOR Special Sunday underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." This helps UMCOR keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific project will go toward that mission, not administrative costs. Let's make a difference, together.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

News items and announcements for the April issue of the Copperhill Courier are due in the church office by Thursday, March 18.

Church Leadership

Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Choir Director Ben Sexton
Accompanist Jerrie Sue Massengale
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants

Ushers Barry Abbott Dellon Ash
 *Team captain Jerry Dunton Shirley Starling
Sound Tech Randy Loudermilk
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: Juline Mixon, Carolyn Weese, Hannah Geren, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: Fay Norwood, Emily Yaxley, Dot Sullivan, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *Jim Sheffer (cancer surgery), *Wilma Sexton (mother of Ben Sexton), Barbara Polos, friend of Evelyn Stemmann (cancer), Alexis, granddaughter of Pamela Gamble (seizures), Marti Lane's cousin Bill Rider (cancer), Weldon Self, Jr., (recuperating at home), David Queen (brain tumor), Joe Roth (friend of Heidi Rule), James Maddox (teenager with epilepsy), Debby Glenn (aunt of Leland Rymer -Covid), Hoot and Gwen Skelton (Covid), Jessie Lebo (grandmother of April Butler), Ricky Callihan (recuperating at home), Deenie and Roger Thomason of Turtletown (home burned), Jill Chatham Anderson –chemo treatments (step-daughter of Brenda Chatham), Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, our armed forces

*new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

If you would like to add someone to our Prayer Concerns please call the church office.

Birthdays

14 Larry Collis 17 Ben Thatcher 18 Barry Abbott 19 Smokey Brooks

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office so we can update our records.

Scan here to give: when you scan this image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will connect you to the mobile version of the FUMCC web page—a quick and easy way to access it. You can also donate securely online at fumc-copperhill.org.



Please donate nonperishable food items in the Narthex box - peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, macaroni, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, vegetables, soup, chili, canned meat, tuna, etc. *Thanks to all who contribute - the families are always grateful.*

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