

**Easter**  
**April 4, 2021**

PRELUDE *How Deep the Father's Love for Us/Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
Jerrie Sue Massengale  
Buddy Butler

GREETING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP, 302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

OPENING PRAYER

Buddy Butler

HYMN OF PRAISE, 310

*He Lives*

\*PSALTER, 862

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**praise God according to his exceeding greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound;

**praise God with lute and harp!**

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

**praise God with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with sounding cymbals;

**praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord!**

\*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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. 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, 322

Up from the Grave He Arose

Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 1-6

Sermon

Why do you seek the Living Among the Dead?

Buddy Butler

HOLY COMMUNION

(see bulletin insert)

INVITATIONAL HYMN, 364

*Because He Lives*

Choir

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE *How Deep the Father's Love for Us/Love Divine,... reprise* Jerrie Sue Massengale

\*Congregation standing, as able

Attention High School Seniors: 2021 **Faith Scholarship** and **Tommy Mitchell Memorial Scholarship** applications are available in the Guidance Counselor's Office at Fannin County and Copper Basin High Schools. Completed applications/essays must be received in the church office by 2 p.m. on April 15.

The **Sonshine Class** hopes to resume Sunday School next Sunday.

A **Church-Wide Clean-Up Day** will be held on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch provided for volunteers. Bad weather/rain date will be Saturday, April 24.



The **Church Council** meeting has been postponed to Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m.

When you give generously on **Native American Ministries Sunday**, April 25, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

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. 129 meals were served on March 29. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.



The beautiful flowers on the Altar are placed in loving memory of Nita Lawrence, mother of Lynn Turner, by her family.

We offer our congratulations to

*Will Luke & Megan Walden*

who will be united in marriage on May 22, 2021.

All are invited to a Wedding Shower that will be held following Worship on Sunday, April 25. Socially distanced tables will be set up in Legacy Hall for church members who wish to bring their gifts and celebrate indoors. Beginning around 12:30 p.m. through 2 p.m. Will and Megan will also greet attendees and receive gifts outside Legacy Hall in a Drive-

The bride and groom are registered at Target, Belk, and Williams-Sonoma.

### Church Leadership

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

### Sunday Servants

**Ushers** Smokey Brooks Larry Collis  
 \*Team captain Leland Rymer Shirley Russell\*  
**Sound Tech** Randy Loudermilk  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane



### Our Prayer Concerns

**Our Congregation:** Carolyn Weese, Hannah Geren, Barb Bender

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

**Others in our prayers:** \*the family of Delma Galloway (Cathie Parker's mother), \*Jerry Daves, cousin of Jerrie Sue (in Northside Hospital Canton with Covid and pneumonia), \*Bob and Sherry Welch, \*victims of hate crimes and their families and perpetrators of hate crimes and their families, \*Tammy Mann (heart issues), the family of Debby Glenn (aunt of Leland Rymer), Wilma Sexton (mother of Ben Sexton), Barbara Polos, friend of Evelyn Stemann (cancer), Alexis, granddaughter of Pamela Gamble (seizures), Marti Lane's cousin Bill Rider (undergoing chemo and radiation), Weldon Self, Jr., (recuperating at home), David Queen (brain tumor), Joe Roth (friend of Heidi Rule), 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

8 Linda Day, Flora Grindstaff, Elaine Morgan

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



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

**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](http://fumc-copperhill.org).



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**Secretary's Office Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,**

**We have rebelled against your love,**

**We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive,  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Refrain:* Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because He lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know He holds the future,  
and life is worth the living, just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride and joy He gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days, because He lives.

*Refrain*

And then one day, I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
and then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

*Refrain*