

**4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

A TIME OF CENTERING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 893

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 308

Thine Be the Glory

Jerrie Sue Massengale
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

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

*HYMN, 370

Victory in Jesus

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.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM ACTS

Acts 9:36-43

Dura Montgomery

PSALTER, 754

Psalms 23

Ben Sexton

A READING FROM REVELATION

Revelation 7:9-17

Joy Turner

*GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

*GLORIA PATRI, 70

ANTHEM, 522

Leave It There

Choir

SERMON

"Who Are You?"

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 393

Spirit of the Living God (repeat)

*SENDING FORTH

*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able



Brasstown Ringers Spring Concert "Put a Ring On It" will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Blue Ridge United Methodist Church. Brasstown Ringers was initially started in 1992. Ringing 5 octaves of Schulmerich bells and 6 octaves of Malmark chimes, these advanced ringers from across GA, NC and TN come together for practice every Thursday evening in Blairsville, GA. Their Spring Concert will showcase the beauty and depth of handbell music and spotlight various ringing techniques. The program's variety of selections will feature traditional classics, favorite hymns, Broadway tunes and more! This year's concert series is dedicated to all those who welcome the power of friendship and the magic of love. May you embrace those connections around you that bring rekindled hope and abundant joy! Free admission—a love offering will be received to help with expenses of the group. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this special concert.

A **Trustees Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the Older Elementary Classroom. This meeting was rescheduled from May 5.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Legacy Hall.

Mark your calendar for our **Annual Church Picnic on Wednesday, May 25, at 6 p.m. at Horseshoe Bend Park.**

United Methodists wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. 100% of contributions go to the designated cause.

If you would be willing to read scripture on Sunday, please put your name and contact information on the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex. Participants will be called in advance with the readings.

The **Son Seekers adult Sunday school class** have begun a new six session study by Max Lucado, which is especially apropos for the times in which we are living. **You are Never Alone** takes a different look at Jesus' miracles recorded in the Gospel of John. Books are \$12.00. If you long to know Jesus better--the Jesus who meets people in the midst of all of life's messes, you will find this study inspiring.

Native American Ministries Sunday will be recognized on May 15. Through this offering, Native American seminarians are educated and Native American outreach is empowered. Your generous gift provides scholarships for seminarians, strengthens and develops Native American ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and supports Native American outreach at the annual conference level.

The **2022 Holston Annual Conference Offering** will support mission and ministry in Uganda and South Sudan, where Holston Conference has developed relationships and sent resources for more than 16 years. We will receive this offering on Sunday, May 22.

The UMW still have a few pecans to sell (small pieces) - price reduced to only \$8.00 a bag.

If you would like to make a contribution to help pay the cost of the new Legacy Hall AC unit, please mark it "AC Fund." \$2,870.00 has been received to date. All contributions are appreciated!

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

Sunday Servants
Ushers Elaine Morgan Ron Singleton
 Joy Turner
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane



Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: +Jerry Dunton, Louise Arp, Sheppie Dunn, Lonney McDonald, Jack Dunn, Jr. , Donna Sexton, Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: Janis Martin (pneumonia), Ruth Womack, the people of Ukraine, Ricky and Dennis (nephews of Retha Crain), Tom Reed, Bud Chastain (Covid complications), Judy Jones (friend of Cathy Turner), Gabriel Montgomery, twin great-nephews of Lisa Loudermilk, Jeff Bunch (uncle of April Butler), Michelle Nerney (multiple myeloma—friend of Ann Rymer), Richard Meyers (surgery complications—brother of Elaine Minor), Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members

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

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

Birthdays
 11 Lance Luke

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. Meals are “to go” only. There is no charge for meals but donations are accepted and appreciated. 148 meals were served on Monday. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

Calendar	Today	10:00 am Sunday School	Tuesday	7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Older Elem.)	Thursday	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)
		11:00 am Worship	Wednesday	6:00 pm Choir Practice	Saturday	3:00 pm GriefShare
	Monday	4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"				

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Happy Mother's Day



*Her Children
 arise up and
 call her
 Blessed.*
 Proverbs 31:28