

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 9, 2023

PRELUDE/GATHERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charles Ferguson  
Buddy Butler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 893

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word **we have built up walls of prejudice.**

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy **we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 553

*And Are We Yet Alive*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 885

A Modern Affirmation

*Pastor:* Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare. *Pastor and People:* **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unending grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE : PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

**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 STORY, 462

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Dura Montgomery

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

\*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

FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

PSALTER, 795

Psalms 72

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

\*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Lynn Turner

April Butler

Adam Turner

\*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.

SERMON

"The Power of Sin vs Grace"

Buddy Butler

\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

\*SENDING FORTH

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

\*POSTLUDE

\*Congregation standing, as able



United  
Women  
in Faith

During July, the UWF will be collecting paper towels, toilet paper, outdoor games, MP3 Players (without screens) and gift cards from hair and nail salons for Open Arms for Children in Fannin County. (The UWF will not meet in July.) Can you help sort books in our Church Library? Join Flora Grindstaff tomorrow at 10 a.m.

**Sound System Update:** If you are in need of a hearing-assist device to use in conjunction with our sound system, please call Ann Rymer (423) 241-9023 before July 15 so we can place our order. Feel free to leave a voicemail. If you have a hearing aid with T-coils, let her know that as well. Anyone with T-coil type hearing aids would only need to wear a lanyard with a device to amplify the sound.

Do you use size p312 hearing aid batteries? We have some available FREE in the church office.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m.

If you can help a grandmother who will be taking care of a newborn baby boy—donations of diapers, baby supplies, a car seat, etc., are desperately needed. Contact Elaine Minor at 561-795-0313 for info.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 105 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

Mark your calendar! The "Top of the Hill" **Rummage Sale** will be held on August 4-5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Legacy Hall. All proceeds will fund mission projects. Set up will be on Thursday, August 3, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For questions, contact Missions Committee members: Ann Rymer, Donna Ratzlaff, Shirley Russell, Shirley Starling, Randy Loudermilk, Elaine Morgan, Elaine Minor, Evelyn and Charles Stemann.

**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 [fumcc-copperhill.org](https://fumcc-copperhill.org).

Our Vanco giving page can also be accessed at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJXP/home>



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**Custodian** Christine Dowlin

**Sunday Servants**  
**Ushers** Bill Simonds, Adam Turner  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane

**Our Prayer Concerns**

**Our Congregation:** Sally Patterson, Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Jeane Kalchik, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** ^Shirley Sheffer (back surgery), ^Elaine Crowe: *new address is: 1010 North Glenwood, Griffith, IN 46319.*

**Others in our prayers:** \*Peggy McGee (cancer patient), ^Don Loudermilk (brother in law of Loretta), Major Andy Lai (stationed in Taiwan, son-in-law of the Callihans), +Lee Womac (Copperhill Postmaster in rehab after motor-cycle accident), McKinley Majors (requested by Tonya Callihan), +Ann Record. multiple broken bones after car accident (very good friend of Dura Montgomery), Emily Martin Bryant (niece of Joy Turner), Earthquake victims in Syria/Turkey, Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), Bee Hicks, Junior Gwynn, ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, Hannah Geren, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine  
*\*new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice*

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

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

Upper Rooms for July—August and some Daily Guidepost books are available in the Narthex.

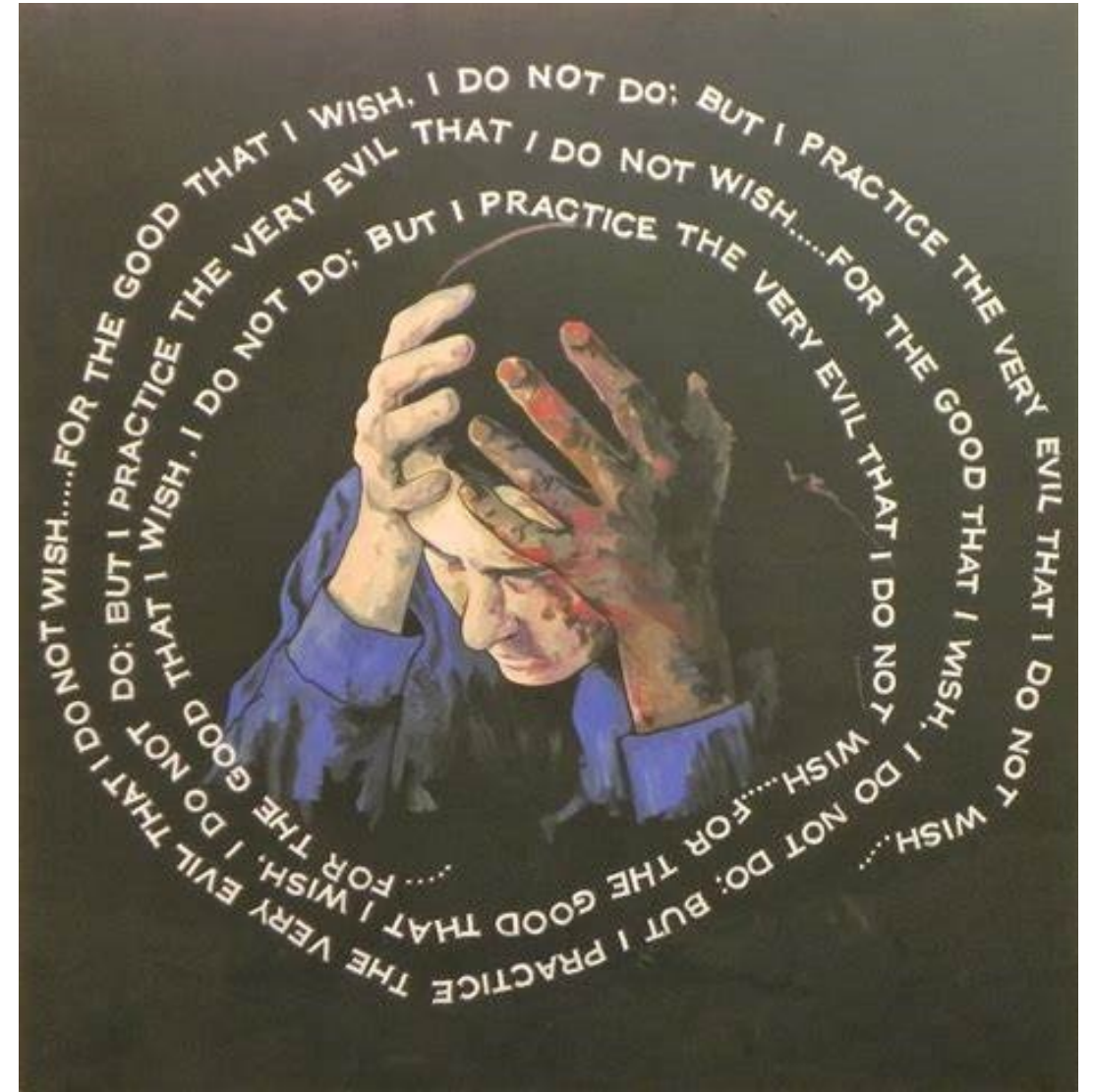
My daughter is starting a pollinator garden if anyone is willing to share any little butterfly bush seedlings, or any other flowering perennial plants. Thanks! She also has a limited supply of fresh eggs for sale, \$3.00 dozen or 2 dozen for \$5.00. Contact Heidi Rule at 706-455-7941.



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

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	10:00 am Sunday School	10:00 am Book sorting in Church Library	No Choir Practice in July
	11:00 am Worship	4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go"	
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting		

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



*Everyone Welcome!*