

## Order of Worship

Prelude

Lighting of Candles

(We welcome you to light a candle and say a prayer for a loved one.)

Welcome

\*Hymn: This Is Amazing Grace

by: Wickham

Opening Prayer

God of Life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Meet & Greet

Children's Moment

Announcements

Testament Readings

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

"The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of

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Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

New Testament: Romans 6:3-11

"Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Offertory

\*Doxology

Anthem: Alleluia! Love Is Alive

by: Steve Angrisano

Scripture: John 20:1-9

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Message: Not Pending but Following

*Communion (The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Day)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and 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, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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**People: 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.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy 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." On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. 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 union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Leader: 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 (God), now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #302 vs. 1-4

\*Benediction

*As you go on your way, may Jesus go with you. Before you to show the way, above you to watch over you, behind you to encourage you, within you to give you peace, and next to you, to be your friend. Amen.*

Postlude

Lane Willimson is our reader for today! Thank you Lane!

# Coming Events and Announcements

(Easy tear off)

## Waxhaw UMC



### Chair Yoga

Tuesday & Thursday 2pm in the Fellowship Hall



### Mens Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:30AM at Vera's Kitchen



### Lunch Bunch

**April 7** Join us for a delicious lunch and great conversations! Bring a friend and make a new one! Fellowship Hall. \$7



### Dance Party Exercise

**April 9** Meet at the church-see e-news for more information! \$5



### Youth Group

**April 19** Youth will meet at 12:30PM after 11AM service in the Fellowship Hall.

**IMPORTANT!**

Bogusia will be out of town April 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. Church office hours will be limited. Anything important please call and leave a voicemail!



VBS will be here before you know it! Save the dates: July 13-17! Email church office to be added on the interest or for any questions!

## Prayer Requests

US Personnel killed in the Iran conflict and their families.

Cathy Marrow

Charles Rogers

Christie Plyler and Mary Edwards (Christie's mom)

Kirk Pfister (Sally Pfister's son)

Russell Carnes

Migdalia (cousin of Hilda Morales)

Enza Carr

Richard Cross/Macee Black

Ralph Smith

Margaret Ezzell

Mark Busby (Kathryn Griffin)

On March 29th

Tithes & Givings

Attendance: 76

Weekly Budget: \$3,200

Giving from last week: \$1909.69

THE EASTER LILIES THAT BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY TODAY ARE GIVEN

*In Honor of*

Corey, Mitchel, Trent & family

by Susan & David Johnson

Judy Howie

by Amy & Jim Howie

Jane McBride

by Amy & Jim Howie

Our Children

by Amy & Jim Howie

Our Grandchildren

by Amy & Jim Howie

*In Memory of*

Roy Griffin

by Kathryn Griffin

Wiley Rogers

by Gladys Rogers & grandchildren

John Griffin

by Kathryn Griffin

Billy Wearmouth

by Buddy Wearmouth

Amy Wolf

by Buddy Wearmouth

Louise Benzel

by Ed & Judy Benzel

Edwin Benzel Sr.

by Ed & Judy Benzel

Bud Jano

by Ed & Judy Benzel

Clair & Gladys Sadler

by Mac & Nancy Archer

Bob & Naomi Archer

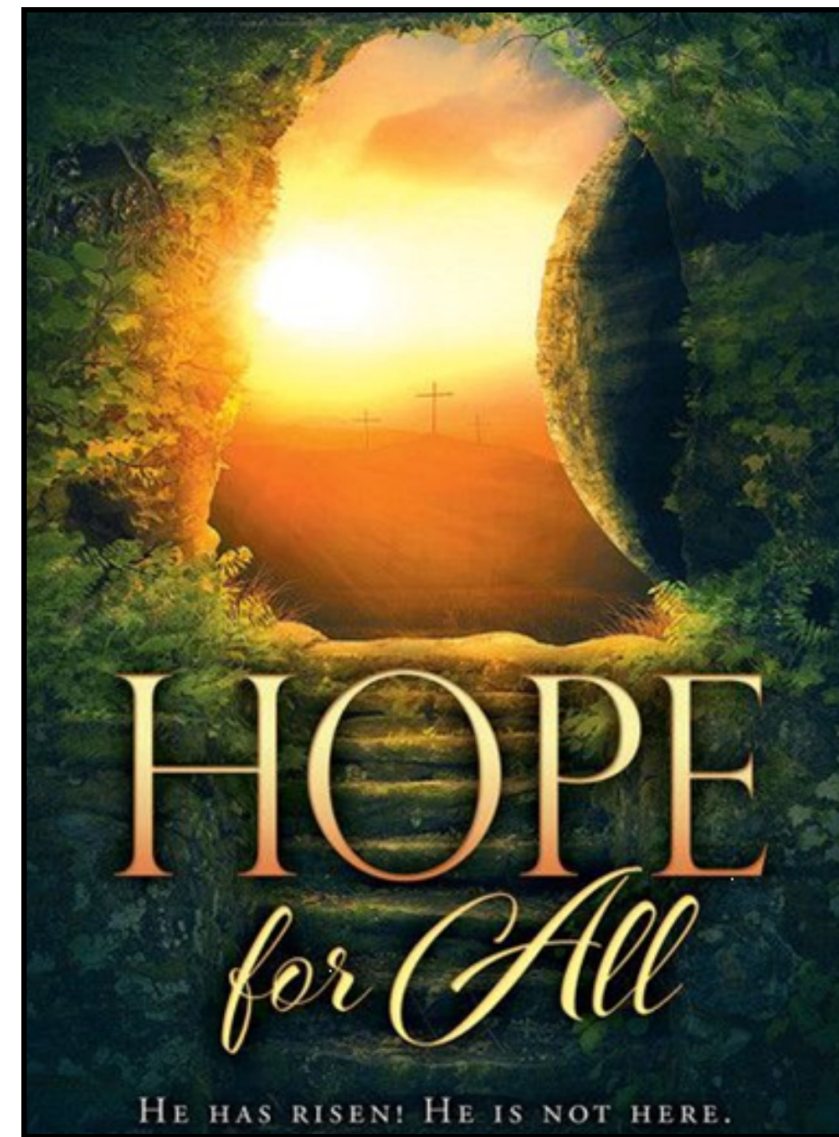
by Mac & Nancy Archer

Elizabeth, Houston & Lester Howie

by Amy & Jim Howie

Tom McBride

by Amy & Jim Howie



April 5th 2026



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