

# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**Surely  
I am  
coming  
soon.**

Revelation 22:20

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 8, 2016**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

## **The Prelude**

### **\*Chiming of the Hour**

#### **\*The Call to Worship**

And Jesus said, "Come!"

**To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"**

to the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"

**to all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"**

Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."

#### **\*Hymn**

"Come Sing Praises to Our Mothers"

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### **The Opening Prayer**

Dear God, we thank you for mothers. We thank you for all those who care for us in quiet, often unrecognized ways; we thank you for all those who care for others in patience and love. We are sorry for those times when we have failed to care for others and pray that you will teach us to care as you do and that you will hold all mothers and caregivers in the light of your presence and guide them to you. **Amen.**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

#### **The Children's Message** (*Today is Loose Change Sunday*)

#### **Time of Sharing and Prayer** – Celebrations of God's Grace/Prayer Concerns

#### **Prayers of Intercession** – Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings, saying,

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

UMH 895

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the silence, speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit, that we may hear your word for us today. In

Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

**The New Testament Reading** – Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 p. 1873

**\*Hymn** “The Lily of the Valley” CWH 244

**The Gospel Reading** – John 17:20-26 p. 1628

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Message**

**The Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Response:** “In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful” (2x)

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

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**\*The Doxology** (UMH 95)

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Eternal God, who brings joy out of sorrow, plenty out of want, life out of death: we thank you for the treasures of the earth, your creation, filled with your blessing, for it was in company with these earthly things that your Son came to dwell, showing us the enormity of your love. Because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, we, too, are brought to new life, called to pray and work for the renewal of others. Take these offerings for the sake of the one without whom our poverty would be extreme, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” UMH 348

**\*The Charge and Blessing:**

Go into your week, knowing that you are embraced by the love of God; a love that is sweeter and more tender than any you have ever known. **Amen.**

**Postlude** “Bless the Lord” (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Assisting with Worship Today

**May 15, 2016:**

**Scripture Readers:** Robert Minx (8:30) Linda Newton (11:00)  
**Greeters:** Kenny Newton (11:00) Kenny Newton (11:00)

**Can You Help?** Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children's and serve as greeters. Please see the sign-up sheet on the front center row pew.

**Happy Mother's Day** to all who are remembering and celebrating moms. May this day be a blessing to you. And let us also remember those who find this day difficult to celebrate.

**Welcome Cards** – We welcome all our guests. There are welcome cards located in the pews. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it into the offering plate during the collection.

### About Fletcher's Chapel Church

**Our Vision** is to be a beacon in the name of Jesus Christ to the world, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to send them forth to proclaim God's Word and serve God's will everywhere and always.

**Our Mission:** "19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -- Matthew 28:19-20

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**MINISTERS:**

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**MUSICIAN:**

**All Members**

**Michael B. Reaves**

**Marie Williams**

**Elizabeth Pruett**

**May 8 - 15, 2016**

**TODAY**

**Mother's Day**

**Loose Change Collection**

**8:30am** Worship

**9:30am** Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Hosted by Diane Newton and Debbie Rogers

**10:00am** Sunday School

**11:00am** Worship

**Sunday, 5/15**

**8:30am** Worship

**9:45am** Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)

**10:00am** Sunday School

**11:00am** Worship

**Upcoming:**

**Wednesday, 5/18 9:30am** Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry

**Saturday, 5/21 8:00am** UMW Yard Sale

**Friday, 5/27 4:00pm** Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben

**Sunday, 6/5 Communion Sunday/Canned Food Collection**

**Birthdays This Week**

**5/10** Blaire Ayers, Alex Hall    **5/11** Lucille Gordon

**5/12** Carol Kieffern    **5/14** May Ellen Emory



**Next week is Pentecost Sunday** when we celebrate the birthday of the church. Red is the color for Pentecost. Wear red next Sunday as a symbol of Holy Spirit.

**The Loose Change Offering** is collected by the children on the Second Sunday of each month. These gifts will go to Heifer International whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, the Heifer Project empowers them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer Projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways.



**UMW Yard Sale Items Needed!** As you do your spring cleaning this year, remember that the UMW will be having a Yard Sale on May 21. Consider donating your gently used items. Children's toys, kitchen items, books, and other household items are especially needed. Any clothing donations should be cleaned and in good condition.

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Prayers for our Community and the World:** The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

**Prayers for Our Church Family:** Colleen Bowie, Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Sherri Minx, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Clarissa Busby, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Adalynn Hawkins, Betty Jubb, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Robert Pruitt, Chuck Rabbitt, Hubert Roberson, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Malone Schooler, Joseph Sirrels, Rob Seward, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

*Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew rack*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

**"Come Sing Praises to Our Mothers"**

*(Sung to the tune of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384)*

Come, sing praises to our Mothers  
who have tuned our hearts to You.  
You share praises with no others –  
but these ones whose love is true.  
They must hear our truest feelings  
if they would know how we're blessed  
by unwearied, careful teachings  
given without thought of rest.

We raise up our grateful voices  
for the patient love of Moms,  
who have listened to the noises  
of their screaming, childish throngs.  
Hear us now cry thanks to God for  
giving us the homes we need.  
We will never leave your shelter  
'til we all find Home indeed.

There we hope to find you, Mother,  
at the right hand of our Lord.  
How could there be any other  
nurturing the Living Word?  
Then forever we will worship  
as you taught us when so young;  
for the Lord alone is worthy  
of these praises we have sung.

TEXT: Mark Ryman (2004).  
(1870)

TUNE: Beecher," by John Zundel