God raised him on the third day and he appeared to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses.
Acts 10.40-41
The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship:
   Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
   **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**
   Sin and death shall reign no more.
   **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**
   Let this place resound with joy.
   **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn
   “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  UMH302

The Opening Prayer
   Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, “He is risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Children’s Message

Time of Sharing and Prayer
   Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns
   The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

*Hymn
   “He Lives”  UMH310

Prayer for Illumination
   Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. **Amen.**

The Psalter Reading – Psalm 30  p. 837
The Gospel Reading – John 20:1-18

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message  “Joy Comes in the Morning”

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,
Lift up your voices: The Lord is near.

*The Doxology (UMH 95)
*The Prayer of Dedication: Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit
of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and
reigns with you forever.  Amen.

*Hymn  “Crown Him with Many Crowns”  UMH327

*The Charge and Blessing:
Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead. Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us. Live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us.
May God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with him in glory.  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  April 23, 2017
Scripture Readers  Linda Newton (8:30)  Robert Minx (8:30)
Greeters  Stephenie Newton (11:00)  ______________
**Volunteers Needed:** The sign-up sheet for May and June is available now.

**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.

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**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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**Rejoice in the LORD!**

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**MINISTERS:**

- PRESIDING BISHOP: Sharma D. Lewis
- DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Theodore Smith
- PASTOR: Michael B. Reaves
- LAY LEADER: Marie Williams
- MUSICIAN: Elizabeth Pruett

All Members
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### Birthdays This Week

- **4/17** Courtney Thompson
- **4/19** Dylan Simmonds
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**Happy Resurrection Day!** Our thanks to all who helped with our Sunrise Service and Breakfast this morning. What a blessing it is to share this day together!

**Heritage Hall Nursing Home** Ministry will not meet this week.
Join Us! Help serve dinner at the Thurman Brisben Center this Friday. You can come as early as 4:00 p.m. or as late as 5:30 p.m. We serve about 90 meals. No clean up. We are usually finished by 6:45 p.m. See Pastor Mike for more information.

Mark your calendars! The UMW will host a Spud Supper on Saturday, May 20 from 4:30 until 6:30. Come and enjoy a salad and baked potato with all of the fixings along with a beverage and dessert. Suggested donation of $5/person. All money raised will support the mission offering of the UMW.

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:** Jeanne Bullock, Dee Campbell, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Dewayne Coates, John Earl Coates, Ed Curtis, Pat Curtis, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Ray Highfield, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Pam Hunter, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, McKennah Lauber, Turner Minx, Jesse Radolinski, Lily Radolinski, Clifton Seay, Shirley Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan, Howie Weadon


*Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew rack*