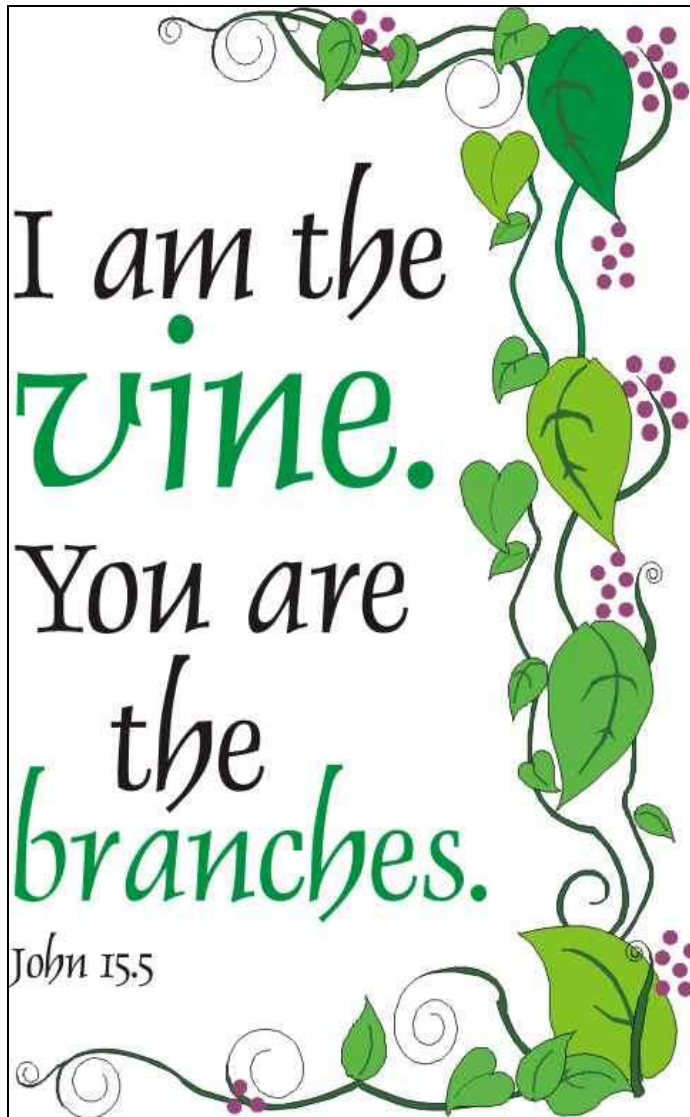


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Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2015

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

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

The Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn

“How Can We Name a Love”

UMH 111

The Opening Prayer

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Celebrations of God’s Grace and Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

The Children’s Message

*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading – 1 John 4:7-21

p. 1840

Special Music

Kay Roy

The Gospel Reading – John 15:1-8

p. 1624

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

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message

“Connected to the Vine”

The Receiving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Special Music

***The Doxology** (UMH 95)

***The Prayer of Dedication:** Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Invitation, Confession, Silent Meditation, and Pardon

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

[All pray in silence] **Amen.**

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (UMH 13)/Giving the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn**

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

UMH 571

***The Charge and Blessing:**

Go out with joy that you have been fed and healed, securely abiding as branches of the true vine. Go and tell the story of faith that is given to you by the One who never lets you go. Seek out those who abound with sacred questions, and be ready to answer a mystery with love.

As Jesus entered into human life, his life is still alive in you. The blessing of Almighty God be upon you today and always. **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.*

All are Welcome to our service of worship this morning. We are glad you are here. Please take a moment to fill out a welcome card and place it into the offering plate during the collection. We hope you will feel God’s blessing during this time together.

Assisting with Worship

Scripture Readers:

Children’s Church (11:00):

Today:

Tina Lauber (8:30)

Pam Hunter

May 10:

Linda Newton (8:30)

Kyle Critzer & Mary Ellen Emory

Can You Help? Volunteers are needed to read Scripture, deliver children’s messages, and serve as greeters. Please see the sign-up sheets which are on the front center pew.

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

Contact us by email: Pastor Mike is at reaves.michael.b@gmail.com

The church address is fletcherschapel@verizon.net

Our website is at www.fletcherschapel-kinggeorge-va.org and let us know what you think!

“Like” us on Facebook: If you are a Facebook user, help spread the word about Fletcher’s Chapel’s page. Search for “Fletcher’s Chapel UMC-King George, VA” and when you find our page, click “Like” so you can keep up with the latest news and events at Fletcher’s Chapel.

MINISTERS:

PASTOR:

LAY LEADER:

MUSICIAN:

All Members

Michael B. Reaves

Marie Williams

Kay Roy

This Week: May 3 - 10, 2015

TODAY	<u>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</u>	
	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	3:00pm	KG Summer Lunch Bunch Training at Peace Lutheran
Wednesday, 5/6	9:30am	Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry
Thursday, 5/7	Noon	National Day of Prayer
Sunday, 5/10	<u>Mother's Day/Loose Change Collection</u>	
	Guest Preacher: Pastor Susan Reaves from Trinity UMC	

Upcoming:

Thursday, 5/21	7:00pm	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Meeting
Friday, 5/29	4:00pm	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center

Birthdays This Week

5/7 Gail Mabe, Megan Strohman

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King George Summer Lunch Bunch: The Summer Lunch Bunch is a volunteer organization dedicated to meeting the needs of children in King George County, Virginia, during the summer break. The program is administered by a Board of Directors comprised of church members in King George County and operates under the sponsorship of the Fredericksburg District of the United Methodist Church.

Lunches will be prepared each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at the King George High School cafeteria and bagged for delivery starting Tuesday June 16, 2015. Volunteers deliver the lunches to community distribution points. Local organizations will be contacted to seek donations. This program will continue for 9 weeks until August 13.

Please plan to attend the Volunteer Fair on Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in King George. For more information on how you can help, contact the Lunch Bunch organization directly by email at kgsummerlunchbunch@gmail.com. For more information you may contact Annette Ashton by phone at 540-663-3317.



Sunday, May 10 – Pulpit Swap! Pastors Mike and Susan will swap pulpits next Sunday. Mike will preach at Trinity Church and Susan will be here at Fletcher's Chapel

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7. The King George Ministers Fellowship is leading a local service of prayer at Noon on the front steps of the King George County Courthouse. All are welcome to attend.



Heritage Hall Nursing Home Ministry: Join us this Wednesday as we travel to Heritage Hall for a program or music, singing, and prayer. Meet at the church to carpool at 9:30am or be at Heritage Hall at 10:00am.

Our Prayer Concerns:

Prayers for our Community and the World: The congregation and guests of Fletcher's Chapel and our community; those having difficulties in their marriages; the residents and staff of the Thurman Brisben Center; Those working with the incarcerated; Our Bishop and his cabinet.

Prayers for Our Church Family: Colleen Bowie, Arlene Coates, Delores Coates, Faye Coates, Johnny Coates, Audrey Davenport, Louise Henderson, Gwen Henderson, Grace Humberger, Karis Humberger, Evelyn Jackson, Lolita James, Clifton Seay, Annette Stahler, Pete Sullivan, Roy Stewart, Rodney Sullivan

Prayers for our Families and Friends: Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Thomas Bowen, Barbara Canaday, Darrell Critzer, Frazier Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Alvin Gill, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Sylvia Kennedy, Elva Kilby, Becky Lafferty, Ceili Leahy, Ronald Marshall, Bryan McGhee, Mike Nave, Camden Newton (infant), Nelson Parris, Pat Pelletier, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Hubert Roberson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Keith Sager, Joseph Sirrels, Ron Seward, Mushy Schenemann, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Lisa Storm, Joan Wehner

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks.
Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after the service.