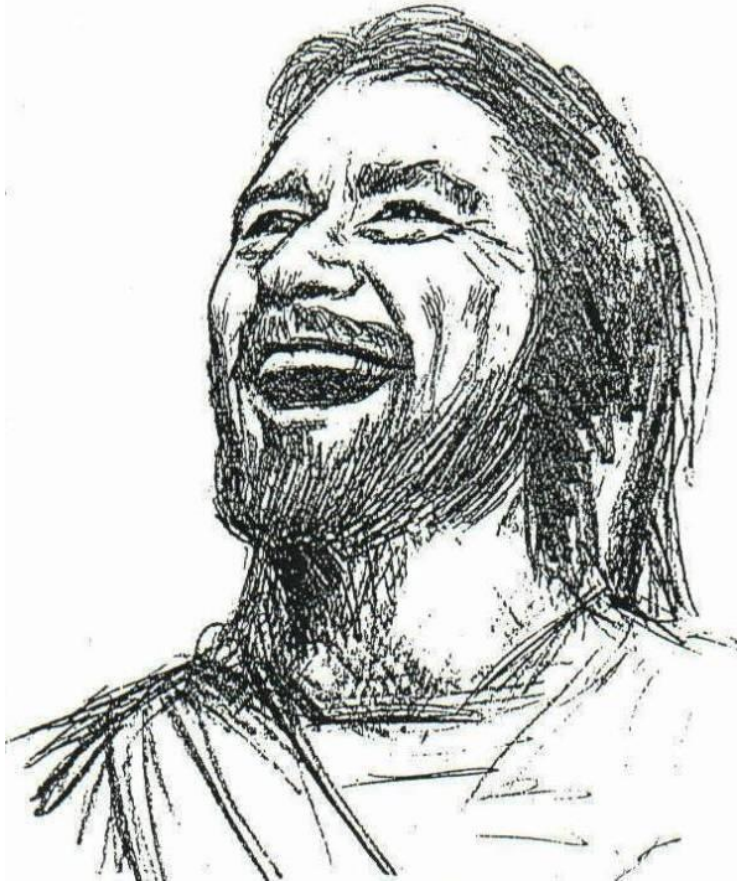


# Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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**"A cheerful disposition is good for your health;  
gloom and doom leave you bone-tired."**

– Proverbs 17:22 (The Message)

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017

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

## The Prelude

### \*Chiming of the Hour

#### \*The Call to Worship:

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!**

Let us rejoice! Let us celebrate with holy humor.

**Let us laugh, let us dance, let us sing praises of joy!**

#### \*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH89

### The Opening Prayer

Lord of laughter, open our eyes to see through the absurdities of life and to confront them with good humour rather than faithless despair. Enable us to laugh heartily with the faith and daring that is born of your Easter victory. When we take ourselves too seriously, laugh at us until we come to our senses. For your love’s sake; **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

“Down In My Heart (I’ve Got the Joy)”

Insert

### Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, we pray, speak in this place, in the calming of our minds and in the longing of our hearts, by the words of my lips and in the thoughts that we form.

Speak, O Lord, for your servants listen. **Amen.**

### The New Testament Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9

p. 1826

**The Gospel Reading** – John 20:19-31

p. 1634

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

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

**The Message**

“Peace Be With You – A Holy Humor 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,

Lift up your voices: The Lord is near.

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

**\*The Prayer of Dedication:** Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

UMH715

**\*The Charge and Blessing:**

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary. May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

Go forth rejoicing, for the good work has just begun! **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 30, 2017**

**Scripture Readers**

Robert Minx (8:30)

Pam Thompson (8:30)

**Greeters**

**Volunteers Needed:** The sign-up sheets for May & June, and July & August are 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

**Heartwood Center Ministries 2017 Summer Food Program:** Please see the insert in today's bulletin and consider packing a "Two Day Breakfast and Lunch pack." Bring your food packs to church on Sunday, May 21 and we will take them to Heartwood Center Ministries.

**Kits for Conference:** Instructions for School Kits and Health Kits are on the table below the literature rack in the sanctuary entrance. Please return your Kits by Sunday, June 11.

### **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:**

**PRESIDING BISHOP:**

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**PASTOR:**

**LAY LEADER:**

**MUSICIAN:**

**All Members**

**Sharma D. Lewis**

**Theodore Smith**

**Michael B. Reeves**

**Marie Williams**

**None Today**

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**April 23, 2017 – April 30, 2017**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	<b>10:00am</b>	Sunday School
	<b>11:00am</b>	Worship
<b>Wednesday, 4/26</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	Prayer Group – Note time change!
<b>Friday, 4/28</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Girl Scouts
<b>Sunday, 4/30</b>	<b>Guest Speaker:</b> John Wright, Dahlgren U.M. Church	
	<b>Native American Ministries Sunday</b>	
	<b>8:30am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:45am</b>	Sunday School Opening (Sanctuary)
	<b>10:00am</b>	Sunday School
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**Upcoming:**

<b>Sunday, 5/7</b>	<b>Holy Communion/Canned Food Collection</b>	
<b>Thursday, 5/11</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
<b>Sunday, 5/14</b>	<b>Loose Change Collection</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Coffee Fellowship
<b>Friday, 5/19</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Serving Dinner at Thurman Brisben Center
<b>Saturday, 5/20</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	UMW Spud Supper
<b>Sunday, 5/21</b>	<b>Deadline for the Heartwood Center Food Packs</b>	
<b>Sunday, 6/11</b>	<b>Deadline for Kits for Conference</b>	

**Birthdays This Week**

**4/27** Chris Hawkins    **4/29** Dot Dunivin



**Looking for Graduates!** If you or a family member will have graduated high school or college in May or June 2017, contact the church office with name, school/college, and degree. Watch for details about Graduate Sunday. Thank you.

**Quote of the Day:** “Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. Never forget that the devil fell by force of gravity. He who has the faith has the fun.” -- G.K. Chesterton

## **HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY:**

We will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday at both services today. What is Holy Humor Sunday?

The idea behind it is that God played the greatest practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Laughter also releases tension, and we have enough of that these days. We all need to stop taking ourselves so seriously. We need to recognize that this is really God's world, and He has so much in store for us. We put too much emphasis on what's wrong and what's bad with it. Celebrate the joy we find in our faith!

## **Church Bulletin Bloopers:**

Bertha Belch, a missionary from the Congo will be speaking tonight at Calvary Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa

The cost of attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." Be sure to return tonight for "Searching for Jesus."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00. Please use the back door.

Due to the Pastor's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Don't let worry kill you - let the church help

## **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

**Prayers for our Families and Friends:** Krystalene Balao, Mikie Barker, Wesley Berry, Mitchell Burroughs, The Cameron Family, Barbara Canaday, Felecia Cook, Darrell Critzer, Tommy Davis, Chris Deike, Pat DeShazo, Rowena Diaz, Almeta Frazier, The Frazier Family, Gage Ford and Family, Wayne Gallahan, Jake Gallelo, Jeff Gilley, Karissa Greecher, Theresa Guarracino, Barbara Hatchell, Betty Jubb, Billy Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy, Robert Klink, Becky Lafferty, Ronald Marshall, Jim McCurtain, Paul Morfit, Mike Nave, Adolfo Pangilinan, Lina Perry, David Pitts, Elaine Cooley Pitts, Brad Pruett, Chuck Rabbitt, Patrick Robinson, Sam Robinson, Brent Rowand, Barbara Rowe, Joey Rowe, Kelly Roy, Malone Schooler, Brian Scott, Dwayne Sharpe, Joseph Sirrels, K. J. Spears, Claude Stevens, Mary Stewart, Vickie Stewart, Art Strickland, Dickie Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Ryland Tedeton, Joan Wehner, Jen Ulrich

***Prayer Request Cards*** are available in the pew rack

## **Down in My Heart (I've Got the Joy)**

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart (Where?)  
Down in my heart (Where?)  
Down in my heart  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay

And I'm so happy So very happy  
I have the love of Jesus in my heart  
And I'm so happy So very happy  
I have the love of Jesus in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart...

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer  
way down in the depths of my heart...

And if the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack,  
ouch, sit on a tack, ouch, sit on a tack...

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart...