

WELCOME to WORSHIP

Holy Humor Sunday / Bright Sunday
April 11th, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "This Is the Day" Red #657

JOKE BREAK

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**You know better than we do, Amused God,
what important people we believe we are.
Believing we have to be serious all the time,
we miss out on the joy of your creation.
Choosing to feast on the pain of the world,
we skip the picnic offered in paradise.
Clinging to the despair which is our best friend,
we ignore Jesus,
who can bring us home to your heart.
Forgive us, Heart of Joy,
and make us open to the startling,
and upside-down ways in which you work.
Fill us with Easter's laughter;
fill us with your healing joy;
fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

- - silent prayer - -

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us
through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed,
the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy.
The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

JOKE BREAK

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Red #89

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-31

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE "We Have It All" Pastor Lori Shannon

JOKE BREAK

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER

"Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah" Blk #2026
(Sing through 3 times)

HYMN "I've Got Peace Like a River" Blk #2145

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE & OFFERING

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ASSISTING THIS MORNING: PRAISE BAND: Brandt Ferry, Roger Davidson, Steve Lawson, Mitchell Rueschenberg; **USHERS:** Susan Hogzett, Sue Thompson; **LITURGIST:** Deb Miller; **SOUND:** Steve Lawson; **VIDEO:** Becky Mahoney.

"Holy Humor Sunday" or "Bright Sunday"

is a celebration on the Sunday after Easter.

For centuries in all Christian faith traditions,
the week following Easter Sunday was observed
by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter"

with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

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FIRST UMC WORSHIP

- ◆ For everyone's safety, we respectfully ask that all wear masks to worship.
- ◆ Please sanitize your hands upon entering the building; hand sanitizer is available at all the entrances, as well as disposable masks.

HOSPITALITY CORNER

located in the SW Entrance of Sanctuary

Help yourself to beverages or snacks
before or after worship.

PLEASE clean up after yourself and be sure to throw
your trash away as you leave the Sanctuary. Thank You!

Local Cable: **FMCTC: Tuesdays, 1:00pm #48**

Mediacom: Mondays, 10:00am #18

Contact the office for a DVD copy of the service and/or bulletin.

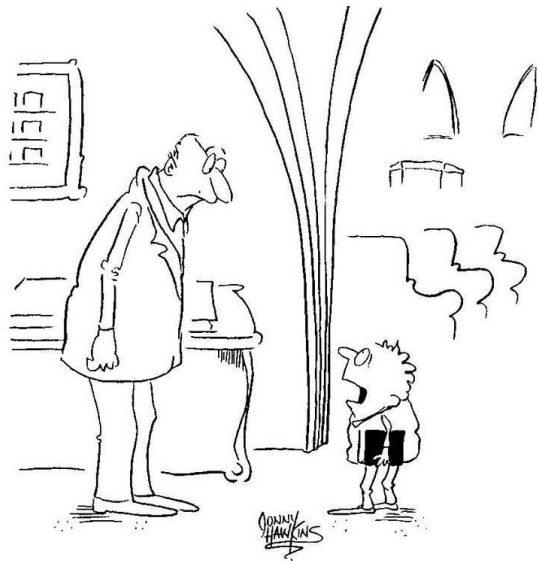


NOTE

Pastor Mike is on leave through May 31st; during this time Pastor Lori Shannon will provide coverage for Sunday services and emergency pastoral situations. In the case of an emergency, Pastor Lori can be reached by calling 712-653-3017. Email prayer concerns and/or joys to the office during the week and they will be shared at worship.

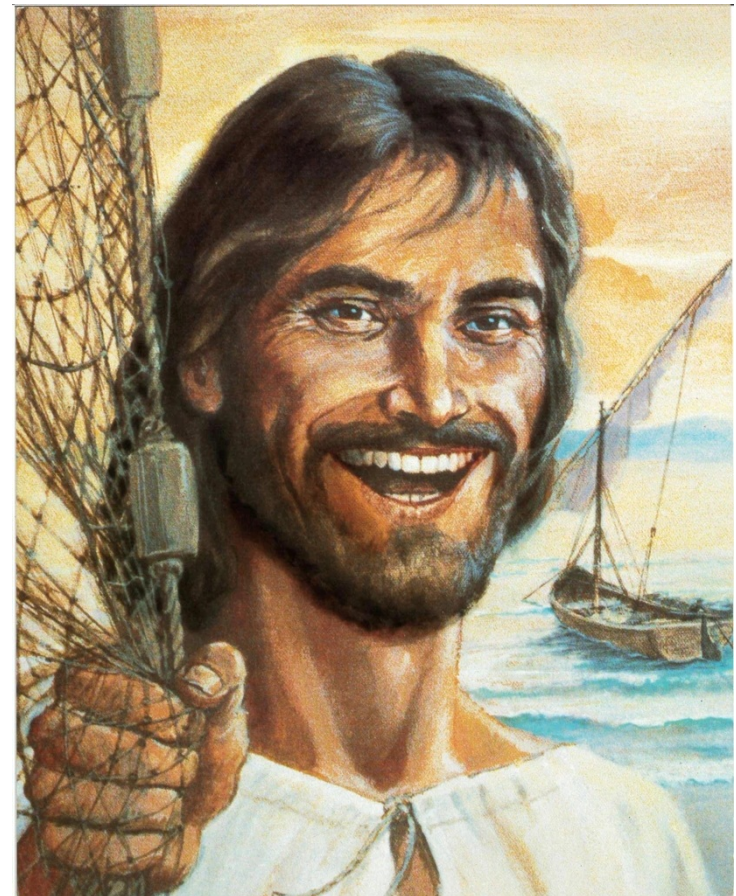


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"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."

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