



First United Methodist Church  
610 E 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel                      Collin Otteson, Organist  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter                      April 11, 2021

*We echo the words of the man whose son Jesus heals:  
"I believe; help my unbelief!"*

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Song:                      "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"

\*Call to Worship:

One: We believe with the Bible that...

**Many: "there is a time to weep and a time to laugh."**

One: We believe with Aquinas that there is a time for...

**Many: "playful deeds and jokes."**

One: We believe with Luther that...

**Many: "You have as much laughter as you have faith."**

One: We believe with Calvin that...

**Many: "we are nowhere forbidden to laugh."**

One: We believe with Francis De Sales that...

**Many: "humor is the foundation for reconciliation."**

One: We believe with Wesley that...

**Many: "A sour religion is the devil's religion."**

One: We believe with Charles Schultz that...

**Many: "Humor is proof that everything is going to be alright with God nevertheless."**

**Opening Prayer:**

O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up laughter there is healing and hope and

abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 2 #739

Offering:

\*Doxology:

\*Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, you bring the gift of Resurrection and a redeemed life through the locked doors of our hearts. Sometimes we react with joy, sometimes with fear, sometimes with doubt. You show us your wounded hands as a reminder that to be faithful disciples, our hands must be your hands to heal a wounded world. Bless these gifts we give as an extension of your hands reaching out to the world through us, and may those we can't see and may never meet be touched because we gave from our hearts. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

Hymn:

"Come, We that Love the Lord" #732

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 17:22 & John 15: 9-12

Message:

I Love to Laugh

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give

us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful" #89

\*Benediction

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In these days of "social distancing" we need to be intentional in our care for one another. Remember to pray for each other. Also phone calls and greeting cards can mean so much for those who are shut in.



**Prayer List:**

Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Virginia Burgher - Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur - Don & Eleanor Steptoe (MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

**Others:** Merle Bertsch - Norma Carr –Steve Danburg Rita & Aaron Ellsworth –Steve Ellsworth - Arlette Heitzman - Terri Henson - Del & Doris Jury – Jim Keeter, Sr. Gene & Ila Norton – Rick Norton – Lloyd Schwartz Doris Slunecka - Doug Testerman

**PLEASE** contact the church or the Pastor to add or remove names from prayer list or to request a call from Pastor Teresa.

**Welcome as we gather on the  
second Sunday of the Easter season.  
Christ is risen! Alleluia!**



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