

The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Glory to God, Amen!

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology** # 95

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** *"Forward Through the Ages"* # 555

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

† *The congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.*

Work, for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work, for daylight flies.
Work till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more;
Work, while the night is dark'ning,
When man's work is o'er.

— *Anna Louisa Coghill (1836 – 1907)*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

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The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

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Nancy Martinez

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A Service of the Word

LAITY SUNDAY

October 15, 2023 9:30 AM

Being a follower of Jesus is to join Jesus in his work. In the gospel of John, Jesus promises that his work will continue on even after his departure. By the Spirit, his disciples will do great things. In the book of Exodus, Moses' Father-in-law advises that Moses cannot go it alone, but he should delegate and teach about shared responsibility.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Holy Art Thou"* **Leslie Orlovsky**
by George Frederick Handel arr. by Ethel Setchell Powell

Choral Praise *"Make Me a Servant"* **Choir**

† Call to Worship

May the Lord open our lips,
And let our mouths proclaim his praise!

House of God, be filled with a spirit of faith, hope, and love.
We love the Savior, our blessed Lord Jesus.

Our God is mighty to save.
Praise to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! Amen!

† Opening Prayer

Hear us, O Holy One, hear us when we pray, when we sing, when we cry out, and when we shout. Come to us when we call, even when we call out in silence from the secret places in our hearts. Open our hearts during this hour of worship, that we may discover anew the righteous ways of living. Give us the will to work in your name as a great joy, and never as a burden we must bear. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"We Gather Together"* **# 131**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 18:13-23	Inge Hersman
Anthem	<i>"Serve Others"</i>	Choir
Children's Lesson		Richard Angel
† Gospel Lesson	John 14:12-14	
Testimonies		Sandra Carter Laurel Parker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

Holy God, send forth the blessing of your Spirit, and grant each of Morris Chapel's lay leaders what they need to give themselves wholeheartedly in service to you. Keep before them the example our blessed Lord Jesus – who did not think of himself, but poured himself out for others. Guide them, keep them, and grant them assurance, that, through them your purposes are accomplished. In the Holy Name of Jesus, **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"I Am Thine, O Lord"* **# 419**

Litany of Thanksgiving for Lay Leaders

The lay leaders of this church have been called by God and chosen by the people of God to labor in the vineyard. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Their work in ministry is a serious responsibility and it is a great blessing.

They each have gifts, but they are bound together in common cause by the Holy Spirit. I have personally witnessed their reliance on God and their accountability toward each other, and their mutual affection in the way of Jesus Christ.

Let us now give thanks for the ways they take on the work of building up the body of Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – October 15, 2023

WELCOME!

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you joined us in Christian Education and Worship today. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes visitors who are seeking a church home, those who join us for special occasions, and those who seek relief from life's burdens. Join us in praising God, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and giving thanks to a loving God for the blessings of the day!

CALENDAR

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Time Visitors! We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed!

All Saints Day will be Nov. 5. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, and would like to light a candle to celebrate their life and honor them, please contact Karen Rosser at (919) 258-3370 to have their name added to the list. Thank you.

Christmas Cantata Practice Please consider joining the choir for the Christmas Cantata. Practice has started on Wednesdays from 7-7:35. It is *not too late* to join in! Come, raise your voice in praise of our Holy God!

Fellowship Time After Church Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The Fellowship Committee provides refreshments one Sunday per month. All other Sundays are for general congregation sign-up. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall, right wall next to the counter. See the white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do so let's keep this time of fellowship going!

Youth and Childrens Halloween Party heads-up! Mark your calendars for October 29 – 3-5:00 for a get together! More info to follow soon.....

Do You Love Children? Then perhaps you will assist with the Children's Messages?! We need 2-4 interested and caring volunteers to round out the monthly schedule. That would mean one message per month per volunteer. Please pray about this – then contact either Mavis Harper, Laurel Parker, or Pastor Kevin regarding your decision to assist. Thank you!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER – The Methodist Men are back in action and will host a dinner on Friday, October 20 from 6 – 8 PM. Tickets will be available. \$8.00 for adults, 12 & under \$5.00.

PARISH NOTICES

Laity Courses offered in Chapel Hill! The Fairway District is offering 3 separate laity courses on Oct. 21 from 8-4:30 in Chapel Hill. The cost is \$25.00 and you may choose from these topics: Soul Reset, For the Common Good, or Justice in Everyday Life. Please go to nccumc.org/laity/events/ to register and read more about these courses. You will be blessed by attending these insightful offerings.

Coffee and Soft Drinks are being provided today in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963
AND Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings William Black Richard & Amanda Campbell Kristie Casterlin Bee Chapman Congregational Unity Johnny & Jeanette Cox Shelton Crutchfield Greg Garcia Richard Gillis	Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Bob & Laura Holder Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Tom Kirby Maude Maloney Mexican church collapse	Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Middle East conflict Sandra Norris Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Ray Family Angelene Rosser Milton & Betty Rosser Ron & Peggy Scott	Jack Sharpe Nathaniel Smith Chris Spivey Cynthia Spivey Joyce Key Thomas Wilma Truelove United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Flossie Wilt Sandy Woolston Debra Underwood
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LAST SUNDAY – Oct. 8

Attendance 61
 Tithes & Offerings \$4,152.50
 Weekly Goal \$3,696.63

For great is Your love, reaching to the heavens;
 Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. (Psalm 57:10)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Oct.	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
15	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Inge Hersman	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Danny Baker Peggy Baker	
22	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Marian Huepper Laurel Parker	
29	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Scott Anderson Emma Anderson	
Nov 5	Bryson Baker Ian Carter	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Jack Harper Danny Baker	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Jack Harper Laurel Parker
12	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	Tommy Vaughan	Drew Burris Gary Maddox	Carolyn Saucier Marian Huepper	