

**Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings**

**Offertory**

† **Doxology**

# 95

**Sharing our prayer concerns**

**Musical interlude**

**Prayers for the Church and the World; the Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING FORTH**

† **Hymn**

*"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"*  
(verses 1,3,5)

# 717

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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



God is great and greatly to be praised  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah  
And He's greatly to be praised  
When I think of the goodness of Jesus,  
And all He's done, hallelujah  
And He's greatly to be praised  
He is merciful, He's wonderful  
He is wonderful, He is marvelous, hallelujah  
And He's greatly to be praised!



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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. Sunny B. Limm**  
Fairway District Superintendent

**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**  
Pastor  
**Nancy Martinez**  
Assistant to the District Superintendent

**A Service of the Word**  
NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
July 30, 2023 9:30 AM

Psalm 128 reminds us of the wisdom of those who honor God and walk in His ways. The passage from Romans powerfully reminds readers that God's love is present even in the midst of hard times, and that God's purposes are being furthered, even if outward appearances would indicate otherwise.

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Ringling the Church Bell**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** "Aria" by George F. Handel arr. Rick Parks **Leslie Orlovsky**

**Choral Praise**

† **Call to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship,  
**We praise God in spirit and in truth.**

Give thanks to the Lord, bless his name with songs.  
**We enter into his courts with praise.**

**Let us praise the Lord for his mercy and for the wonderful things he has done.**

† **Opening Prayer** *a prayer from the 5<sup>th</sup> century*

Almighty God, through your Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate to eternal life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin and to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" **#152**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, grant your discernment to all who hear your word today, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Psalter Lesson** **Psalm 128** **Manuela Seymour**

**Anthem**

**Children's Lesson** **Richard Angel**

**New Testament Lesson** **Romans 8:26-39**  
**Sermon** **"Inseparable"** **Kevin Seymour**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Prayer of Response**

† **Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" **# 529**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you know how we are. We confess that we are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. We know we can never hide our true selves from you. You know how we are, and yet you love us anyway. Have mercy on us and forgive the cold and careless sins of our church. In the name of our merciful savior, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*a brief silence is kept for individual confession*

**Words of Assurance and Pardon**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Jesus Christ came into the world to seek and to save sinners. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**The Peace** May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you. Glory to God, Amen!**

**Affirmation of Faith** **#887**

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES - July 30, 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	11:00 am	Sunday School
Tuesdays	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome (starts up in Sept)
Thursday.	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Kevin Seymour

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**“Tis The Season”** to name servant leaders for 2024. All are invited to express your interests and desires to Lay Leader Karen Rosser or to Pastor Kevin so we can discern how your talents may be used to the glory of God.

**NEW Bible Study: “Sunday’s Coming”** Bible Study with Pastor Kevin continues this coming Thursday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars and join us as we study the word of God! All are welcome!

**Give a Kid a Chance Golf Tournament** is 5 Aug. All members of the Scholarship Committee are working hard and if you still wish to volunteer, see Danny Baker.

**Providing Flowers for Church** If you wish to provide flowers in memory of family or for any reason, please SIGN UP on the Flower Calendar that will be posted on the 1st bulletin board (on the left) just as you enter the Fellowship Hall. Indicate the purpose of the flowers so that the notice can be added to the weekly Announcements. Thank you!

**Summer Music:** As the Choir is on summer break, we are in need of assistance to provide special music. Anyone who would like to contribute special music in June, July, or August please contact Jerry Keith at (919) 499-2597.

**Volunteer Worship Schedule Changes:** IMPORTANT CHANGES have been approved by Pastor with agreement of the bulletin preparers. The positions will now **run for the entire month in which you are scheduled.** If you cannot be present for any particular Sunday, please locate a replacement for yourself. By scheduling monthly, the congregation will become familiar with the servers which will promote better fellowship and demonstrate a servant’s heart in action for all. (NOTE: Mavis Harper will no longer be finding substitutes for everyone.) We ask by God’s grace that you are responsible for your position to the benefit of the Church. Thank you and God’s blessings on you!

**Tithes and Offerings:** The church thanks you for your faithfulness in tithing and offering.

Please continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or bring them when you attend. You may also follow the directions on the website at [www.morrischapelumc.org](http://www.morrischapelumc.org) for on-line giving through Vanco. Be in God’s Grace, Peace and Love.

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

**JULY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – 7/30/23 only**

<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b><u>Children’s Message</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Fellowship</u></b>
Bryson Baker Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	Greg Vorholt Jack Harper	Gary Maddox Laurel Parker	Media Class Ice Cream

**AUGUST WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – Entire Month**

<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b><u>Children’s Message</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Communion</u></b>
Jason Little Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Ron Mercer Jack Harper	Margaret Spivey Janice Holder	Daniel Baker Morgan Baker Drew Burris Stacey Burris

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Ed Angel Richard & Pat Angel Maryann Bell Bee Chapman Vaughn Clark Congregational Unity <b>Jeannette Cox</b> <b>Natural Disaster victims</b> <b>Prayers for the Earth</b> Jackie Fitch Ron Hartman Ron Height Bob & Laura Holder	<b>Mary Hudson</b> Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Bob & Peggy Kennedy Travis Learn Maude Maloney Military Troops & families <b>Ann McLeod</b> Rhonda McNeill <b>Susie Pierce</b> Danielle Rahko <b>Ron &amp; Peggy Scott</b>	Steve Skrzydlinski Fred Spivey Jana Soward Lee Stetzer Marilyn Stevens Joey Stuart Carthy Thomas Joy Key Thomas United Methodist Church United States of America Unspoken Prayers Flossie Wilt <b>World Wheat of Ukraine</b>
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