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A Service of the Word FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST June 25, 2023 - 9:30 AM

In this morning's Gospel passage, Jesus gives fierce teaching on how those who find their life in this world will lose it, and those who lose their life for his sake will find it. Jesus calls us to be outspoken and fearless in proclaiming the Gospel, as we take up our crosses and follow him. Likewise, the Apostle Paul urges us to live as those dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcement Changes

Pastor Kevin

Prelude

"It is Well with My Soul"

Musician

Phillip P. Bliss arr. by Tim Doran

Choral Praise

"I Love You, Lord"

Leslie Orlovsky, Steve Huepper

☩ Call to Worship

Pastor Kevin & Congregation

P: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

C: but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.

P: And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

C: Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

P: that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

C: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

☩ Opening Prayer

Pastor Kevin

O God, Whose ways we do not understand, we bring You our anxiety and resentment at this time. There is unfairness all around and there is fear in the night. We hesitate to speak up for what we believe. We fear one another and Your judgement frightens us. Break through our limited perception. Reassure us, and help us believe in ourselves and in You. **Amen.**

☩ Hymn

"We Gather Together"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Loving Father, pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, and send Your Spirit to come and illuminate Your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Romans 6: 1b-11

Pastor Kevin

Anthem

"Close to Thee"

Leslie Orlovsky, Steve Huepper

Children's Lesson

Krystle Ray

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:24-39

Pastor Kevin

Sermon

"I Know It's Hard – Do It Anyway"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response : (Unison)

Lord Jesus, we'll keep this prayer simple. Give us courage to follow You when we are filled with fear at walking along Your way. Give us strength to keep up with You even when You walk so far ahead of us. Give us encouragement that any suffering we bear in this world because of following You will be rewarded by Your blessing along the way. **Amen.**

☩ Hymn

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance and Peace

Pastor Kevin

P: May the peace of Christ be with you!

C: And also with you!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

Presentation of God's Tithes and our Offerings

Sharing Our Prayer Concerns
Musical Interlude
Prayers for the Church and the World

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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† Benediction

† Postlude

† Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are excited that you joined us in Worship today via Facebook Live and in person. All are welcomed as we come together to praise God and make disciples for Jesus!

Thank You to the Fellowship Committee for providing such a wonderful luncheon last Sunday in honor of Pastor Kevin’s first Sunday at Morris Chapel. Welcome to both he and Manuela and we pray for a wonderful season of worship and spiritual growth under his tutelage.

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.

The Fellowship Committee members are happy to provide refreshments on Sunday mornings, *when necessary*, but we would like to promote participation from the congregation. A handout is located on the refrigerator with instructions and suggestions when hosting refreshment time on Sunday mornings. Please consider helping.

2023 Updated Church Directories will be available in the Fellowship Hall starting **TODAY**, June 25, after the Worship Service. Stop by and get your copy, and consider staying for some fellowship!

Volunteer Worship Schedule Changes should be given to Mavis Harper. Let her know ASAP if a scheduled date does not work for you. Contact mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489. Thank 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 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 or (919) 271-0963
AND Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Edwin Angel
Richard & Pat Angel
Maryann Bell
Jackie Fitch
Mike Edwards
Buddy Godwin
Congregational Unity

Evan Johnson
Maude Maloney
Military troops & families
Rhonda McNeill
Susie Pierce
Family of Rylee Rushin
Ron & Peggy Scott

Rev. Kevin Seymour
Steve Skrzydlinski
Fred Spivey
Jana Soward
Family of Donna Suggs
Texas tornado victims

Joyce Key Thomas
Ukraine war victims
United Methodist Church
United States of America
Unspoken Prayers
Flossie Wilt

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

June	Acolytes	Children’s Message	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers	Fellowship
25	Bryson Baker Calleigh Baker	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris Justin Ray	Linda Dilley Peggy Baker		Hank Richards Diane Richards
July 2	Jase Burris Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Gary Rosser Danny Baker	Mavis Harper Marian Huepper		
9	Ian Carter JC Ray	Krystle Ray	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter	Donna Carter Donna Maddox Laurel Parker Krystle Ray	Danny Baker Janice Holder
16	Bryson Baker Jase Burris	Gillian Hubley	Drew Burris JC Ray	Connie Currin Mavis Harper		
23	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Richard Angel	George Orlovsky Steve Huepper	Hank Richards Diane Richards		Greg Garcia Marcia Garcia

****Please consider volunteering for after service treats****