

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

**Offertory**

† **Doxology**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (Repeat)  
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

**Sharing our prayer concerns**

**Musical interlude**

**Prayers for the Church and the world**

**SENDING FORTH**

† **Hymn**                      *"This is My Father's World"*                      # 144

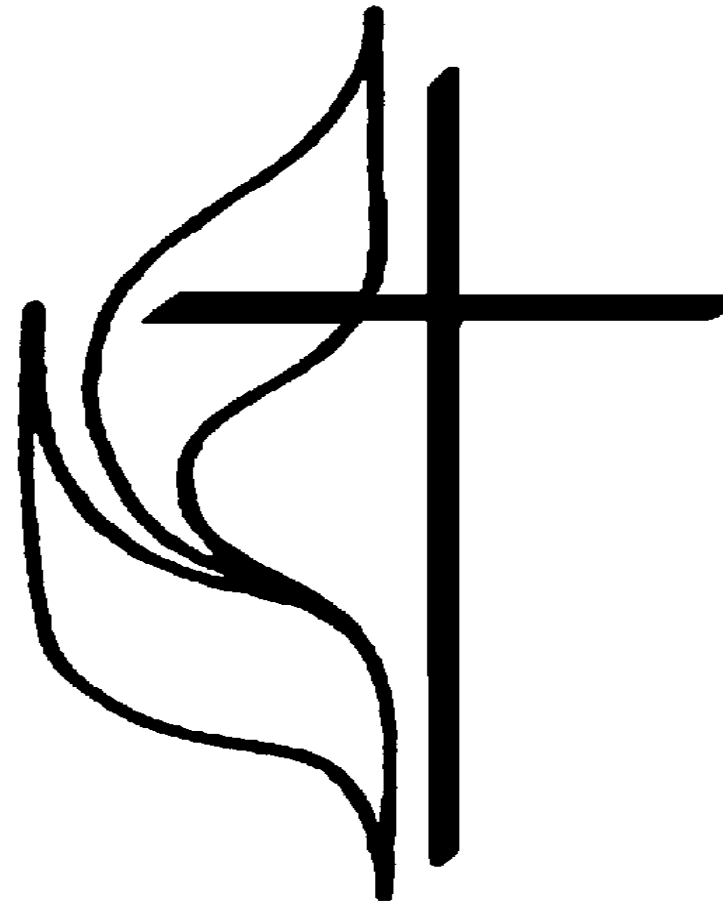
† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to  
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;  
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, amen. – by *Michael Dennis Browne*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

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Fairway District Superintendent

**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**

Pastor

**Nancy Martinez**

Assistant to the District Superintendent

# A Service of the Word

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024 9:30 AM

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is confirmed in his identity as the Beloved Son of God before being led out by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. For forty days he is without food, in the company of wild animals, and tempted by Satan. The devil fails as Jesus resists all his temptations, and God sends angels to come and minister to Jesus at the end of the period of testing. The church remembers this and walks likewise with Jesus through the season of Lent. Strengthened by his Sonship and rejection of the evil one, Jesus is now ready to begin his ministry: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Ringing the Church bell

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**                      *"There Is a Green Hill Far Away"*                      **Leslie Orlovsky**

by George C. Stebbins

**Choral Praise**                      *"Lead Me, Guide Me"*                      **Choir**

### † Call to Worship

Come let us sing unto the Lord!

**We bow down and worship the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Send up a shout of great joy to the Rock who saves us.

**Precious is the name of the Lord Jesus!**

Let the Holy Spirit come upon us today!

**We'll sing it until our final rest: Father, Son, and Spirit be blessed.**

### † Opening Prayer

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

† **Hymn**                      *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*                      **# 61**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**New Testament Lesson**                      **1 Peter 3:18-22**                      **Leslie Orlovsky**

**Anthem**                      *"Jesus Tempted in the Desert"*                      **Choir**

**Children's Lesson**                      **Krystle Ray**

† **Gospel Lesson**                      **Mark 1:9 - 13**

**Sermon**                      *"Wild Animals"*                      **Kevin Seymour**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Affirmation of Faith**                      *"The Apostles' Creed"*                      **#881**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† **Hymn**                      *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*                      **# 269**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

### The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

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

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – February 25, 2024**

**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 ( <b>no class on 2/27</b> )
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!

**Canned Food Drive** is coming up next Sunday, Mar. 3rd. Bring your canned or boxed goods (no glass containers) and place them in the box in the narthex. Our donations are added to the food pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church to help feed hungry neighbors.

**Pastor Kevin will be speaking** at St. Luke UMC’s Community Lenten Series on Wednesday March 6 at noon. All are invited for worship and for lunch. Please call St. Luke at 919-776-2012 if you plan to attend so that the hosts will know how many to expect. 2916 Wicker St., Sanford.

**Easter Cantata** practice is underway. If you still wish to join in see Jerry Keith for music. All are welcome.

**The FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** is preparing a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Wednesday, March 13 at 5:00pm. Please sign up early as we'll need at least a week's notice! Thank you

**Pastor’s Tuesday Bible Study** is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Class starts at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see.... (**No class on 2/27 – resume 3/5**)

**A Delicious Time of Year** is quickly approaching! On March 17th and March 24th, we will be selling small chocolate covered peanut butter balls, peanut clusters, and Buckeyes priced at \$4.00 a bag. (Correct change will be greatly appreciated.) We hope you all are ready to stock up! Thank you in advance for supporting this fun project.

**The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar** is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. **Committee Chairs**, please enter all meetings scheduled for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers what you wish to have listed by Wednesday morning. Thanks!

**New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons** is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion! Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

**PARISH NOTICES**

**February is Black History Month** Go to [nccumc.org/media-center/](http://nccumc.org/media-center/) for books, DVDs, online video series, etc. that relate Black history in the UMC and in our larger culture. Many other educational and informational topics are available thru the Media Center so avail yourself of these free resources!

**Consider UMC Laity Courses** offered either through Zoom meetings or in person. Courses assist interested Christians in becoming Certified Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, or Lay Ministers. Visit [nccumc.org/laity/](http://nccumc.org/laity/) for explanations and available classes and locations in the upcoming months.

**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.  
PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Sherry Baucom <b>Vickie &amp; Randy Buchanan</b> Crystal Burichin Joey Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Jimmy Clifton Family of Linda Cox Donna Fancher <b>Family of Jackie Fitch</b> Jeff Hartman Ron Hartman Beth Hedging	Mark Hickman Jimmie Holt Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Family of Chris Johnson Evan & Leslie Johnson Nancy Johnson Family of Jimmy Jones <b>Margaret Kilcullen</b> Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox Maude Maloney	Five Marines killed Ashley MacBurnett <b>David MacBurnett</b> Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill George Orlovsky Mike Phillips Susie Pierce Helen Rogers Family of Milton Rosser Anna Sanfilippo Shirley Salmon	<b>Ron &amp; Peggy Scott</b> Becky Seymour Kyle Smith Kenneth Spivey Lisa Stafford <b>Isabelle Sturgill</b> Joyce Key Thomas United States of America <b>Family of Harry Vasselion</b> Pam Vaughan Jimmy Womack Bob & Sandy Woolston
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**Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings**      Attendance 2/18/24    79

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings as of: 02/18/2024</b>	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 25,886.31
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 51,464.39
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 25,578.08

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**Worship Volunteers--** you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot. Thank you.

<b>Feb</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Children's Message</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>
<b>25</b>	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	Terrena Shelton Danny Baker	
<b>Mar 3</b>	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Peggy Baker	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Richard Angel Pat Angel	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
<b>10</b>	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Isabelle Sturgill	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Carolyn Saucier Janice Holder	
<b>17</b>	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Douglas Currin	Jason Morton Danny Baker	Drew Burris Laurel Parker	
<b>24</b>	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Krystle Ray	Gary Maddox	Richard Angel Pat Angel	Marian Huepper Marcia Garcia	

**After Service treats in the Fellowship Hall are being provided by the Dan Wissinger family. Thank you!**