



# MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## An Order of Service for Word and Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

March 27, 2022 - 9:30 am

### Entrance

### Prelude

**Welcome** Hold fast to these words of assurance: “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away!” In Christ, we are reconciled indeed, for we have found our true home.

### † Call to Worship

*“Through It All”*

Choir

### † Greeting

L: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

**P: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.**

L: God makes us new in God’s Spirit!

**P: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.**

L: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

**P: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.**

### † Opening Hymn

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

#140

### † Opening Prayer

(Unison)

**Merciful God, You seek the lost sheep of your pasture; You call out to all who have strayed. As the father welcomed the prodigal son home, receive us back into Your loving arms. Your steadfast love, O God, knows no bounds. Your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our time of worship, that we may feel Your presence and know that You are our true home. Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

**Psalm 32**

Pastor

### † Gloria Patri

#70

### Children’s Message

### Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Pastor

### Musical Interlude

### Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

### Special Music

*“Just as I Am (I Come Broken)”*

Choir, Deborah Womble, soloist

### Message

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Pastor

**Welcome Home, My Beloved Child**

### † Apostle’s Creed

#881

### † Sending Forth

*“Softly and Tenderly”*

#348

### † 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!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**Lenten Devotion and Prayer Time** - Please join Pastor Mike each morning during Lent on Facebook Live at 7:00 am for our Lent reading of the day and a time to spend in prayer. It is always good when we come together to pray!

**Easter Egg Sale!** The Fellowship Committee will be holding a **new event this year!** On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will sell large chocolate covered peanut-butter eggs, small chocolate covered peanut-butter balls, and chocolate covered pretzels. Please support this new event and purchase treats for your family, friends, and neighbors, and of course, yourself! Thank you!

**Palm Sunday, April 10** - The Fellowship Committee will provide refreshments and food on Palm Sunday after church. The menu will be egg and French toast casseroles, cinnamon muffins, fresh cut-up fruit and yogurt. And all for no charge! Please join us on the special Sunday.

**Children/Youth Event: "Easter is Coming"** Come and join the journey on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm! We will experience the different parts of the Easter Story. Also, we will be making palm branch crosses for Palm Sunday. There will be snacks, music, games and more! Let us celebrate Easter by gathering to remember the story and the blessings!

**Easter Sunday Breakfast!** The United Methodist Men invite all to attend breakfast on April 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Sunrise Service. Anticipated time to serve the breakfast will be 7:45-8:00. The menu will be announced later. Whether you attend the 7:00 service or the 9:30 Easter Cantata service, please join us for fellowship and food on this most special holy holiday!

**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 may be given by noon on Wednesdays  
to Laurel Parker at [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

<b>Richard &amp; Pat Angel</b>	Dennis Hartman	Melissa Martin	NC Schools-staff & student
Joshua Black	Lewis Hartman	Linda McNeill	David Scott
Elizabeth Brown	<b>Bobby &amp; Laura Holder</b>	Mary McNeill	Ron Scott
Louise Buchanan	Linda Holder	Tim & Donna McNeill	Sandra Shope
Christians in Middle East	Mary Hudson	Martha Meeks	Caden Smith
Hal Cleavenger	Wayne Hudson	Military troops & families	<b>Steven Schmidt</b>
<b>Noah Davis Clifton</b>	Chad Huffman	Jose Mota	Jackson Snipes (infant)
Betty Cox	Nancy Johnson	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Fred & Margaret Spivey
Jeanette Amos-Cox	Laverne Joiner	Phyllis Poe	Hilton Stewart
Lee Crutchfield	Bobby Jones	Brenda Popke	Jimmy Thomas
Melissa Edwards	Sandi Kankelfritz	<b>Jason Ray</b>	Ukraine & Russian people
<b>Wayne &amp; Elaine Everts</b>	June Kelly	<b>Johnny Ray</b>	United Methodist Church
Jerry Lynn Farmer	<b>Don Key</b>	<b>John Redus</b>	United States of America
<b>Dale Flagg</b>	<b>Karen Key</b>	Dot Roberts	Pam Vaughan
Dennis Fore	Beverly Leslie	James Robertson	Lance Weekly
Dave Gurkin	Lance Little	Angelene Rosser	Lilla Williams
Elva & Henry Hall	Lost souls everywhere	Betty Jean Rosser	Bill Wilson
Kristen Halsted	Maude Maloney		
Darothy Harris	Chuck Mancillas		

Fellowship Hall treats are being provided today by Dan & Melanie Wissinger . Thank you!