

Congregational Response Congregational response

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that in everything God made be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world; the Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“My Hope is Built”

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† Benediction

† Postlude

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

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the hear of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. *Frederick W. Faber, 1854*

The end of summer is here and so it’s time to for new opportunities to grow in our faith in God and revive our desire to serve others. It’s time to head back to church, and as we connect with each other, let’s invite someone to join us on the life-changing journey of discipleship and ministry.



**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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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

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word
TWELFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
August 20, 2023 9:30 AM

In this morning's Gospel reading, a Canaanite woman displays a heart of pure faith and moves Jesus to heal her demon-oppressed daughter, even though she is not part of the house of Israel.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Judy Spivey

Choral Praise "Oh the Glory of Your Presence ". (by Steve Fry)

Jerry Keith

† **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

All glory, laud, and honor, let the people sing.

May Jesus Christ be praised.

By his mercy we are saved, healed, restored, and forgiven.

Sing praise to the Holy Spirit.

Breathe on us, O God, with your loving Spirit.

† **Opening Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we look to your disciples as models of the way to follow you. Although we join them in finding great comfort by being close to you, humble us this day. Remind our prideful hearts to come on bended knee seeking your mercy. Show us the Canaanite woman in our own lives, those places where our hearts need to be pure. Let us be of humble hearts, and cry to you, Son of David, for mercy. **Amen.**

† **Hymn**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 67

Manuela Seymour

Anthem

"Please Forgive Me". (by Gerald Crabb)

Jerry Keith

Children's Lesson

Krystle Ray

† **Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

"Invisible Fences"

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

Lord Jesus, send your spirit of compassion upon us. Be present with us, Lord, and grow our understanding of the wide scope of your mercy. Give us what we need to welcome newcomers with the grace we've seen in you today, and let us your faithful followers be. Amen.

† **Hymn**

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

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Affirmation of Faith

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**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – August 13, 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:

Attn: All Committee Heads: Each Chair needs to turn in their budget request for 2024 to Sandra Carter, Finance Chair. Work will begin on next year’s budget shortly to prepare for Annual Conference.

SAVE THE DATE – September 24. Morris Chapel will be celebrating Homecoming Sunday. Stay tuned for more details. ALL are invited, and bring a friend.

The Morris Chapel United Methodist Church Men's Group will be meeting at the Fellowship Hall on 9/6/23 at 7pm. We need help from the men of the church to plan for this and next year. Any questions or ideas please contact gregvorholt@yahoo.com

Bible Study: “Sunday’s Coming” Bible Study with Pastor Kevin continues this coming Thursday at 10 AM. Please join us as we study the word of God! All are welcome!

New Bible Study! Starting Sunday **Sept. 10th, 11:00 to 12:00! Searching Scripture for Christian Living offers a study on Christian Attributes. 7 consecutive weeks. Scripture readings, discussion & sharing. Email, call or text Laurel Parker (919) 271-0963 if you plan to attend!**

Providing Flowers for Church Please **SIGN UP** on the Flower Calendar posted on the 1st bulletin board (left side) in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to text or email the bulletin preparers giving the reason for the flowers so an announcement notice can be added to the bulletin. Thank you!

MORE Volunteer Worship Schedule Changes: After much thought, Pastor believes posting the schedule per week will be better for the congregation. If you cannot be present for any Sunday, please locate a replacement for yourself. (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 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.

VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Aug.	Acolytes	Children’s Message	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
20	Bryson Baker Jason Little	Krystle Ray	Gary Rosser Daniel Baker	Walt & Inge Hersman	
27	Jase Burris Calleigh Baker	Kevin Seymour	Ron Mercer Gary Maddox	Morgan Baker Stacey Burris	
Sept 3	Bryson Baker Jason Little	Richard Angel	Greg Vorholt Hank Richards	Wayne Stack Linda Stack	Doug Currin Tommy Vaughan Kevin Seymour George Orlovsky
10	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Kevin Seymour	Walt Hersman Danny Baker	Connie Currin Linda Dilley	
17	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Jack Harper Wayne Stack	Jail/Travis Thomas Crystal Burichin	

Fellowship Treats are being hosted today by the Wessinger Family. Thank you!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jim & Linda Adcock Richard & Pat Angel Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Kristie Casterlin Bee Chapman Congregational Unity Jeannette Cox Matthew Doty family-fire Family of Greg Fross Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Delbert Hill Bob & Laura Holder	Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Bob & Peggy Kennedy Tom Kirby Diane Ludwig Gary Maddox Maude Maloney Maui disaster Ann McLeod Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Family of Clayton Rosser	Milton & Betty Rosser Ron & Peggy Scott Fred Spivey Jana Soward Lee Stetzer Joey Stuart Carthy Thomas Joyce Key Thomas United Methodist Church United States of America Flossie Wilt Bob & Sandy Woolston World Wheat of Ukraine
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