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An Order of Service for Word and Worship

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022 - 9:30 am

Entrance

Prelude

Welcome From our wanderings and wonderings, we are welcomed home by God. Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff, God comes to rescue and return us to safety. Come to be found, for all are welcome here.

Call to Worship

“More Precious Than Silver”

Choir

† Greeting

L: Come, let us worship the One who calls us here.

P: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

L: Come, let us worship the One who desires our hearts.

P: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

L: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

P: We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

L: Come, let us worship the One who calls us here.

P: We are here to worship with all that we are.

† Opening Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

#381

† Opening Prayer

(Unison)

O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be Your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: “No one can serve two masters.” Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek Your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people You call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with You and so we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 113

Minister

† Gloria Patri

#70

Children’s Message

Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Minister

Musical Interlude

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

Special Music

“I Surrender All”

Choir

Message

Luke 16:1-13

Minister

No One Can Serve Two Masters

† Sending Forth

“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

#380

† 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

The September 10th Children's/Youth Program was met with some challenges, but using the key word from our lesson they all remained focused, persistent, and they persevered to complete the race. The evening began with an opening prayer. The youth shared their stories of receiving trophies and medals prior to competing in the races. The games began with different activities that provided each one to use their skills to get to the finish line. At the end of the first set of events everyone enjoyed a meal provided by Peggy Baker, Mae Spivey and Krystal Ray. After the meal all returned to more events that strengthened their spiritual muscles. Tommy Vaughn gathered all around for the scripture reading from Hebrew 12: 1-2 and shared a message that focused on those of great faith. Following the lesson Doug Currin presented each one with a cross necklace at the finish line. The youth and children placed their name (along with school name) on the prayer wall. Drew Burris sent the group forth with prayer. A special thanks to our parents and grandparents who assisted in the events. It was a great evening and was enjoyed by all!

September 25th Breakfast! Join the Fellowship Committee next Sunday, immediately after the church service for breakfast! The MENU will be egg and French toast casseroles, sausage balls, donut holes, coffee cake, fresh fruit, coffee and tea! We hope for a good turnout and time of enjoyment for the congregation!

Chancel Choir has started back! It's certainly not too late to join the choir. Come to choir practice at 7:00 every Wednesday as we begin a new year of singing and fun! We welcome new members!

Games, Games, Games - We are looking to start a Game night. Please get with Pastor Mike and let him know of any games that you would like to have available on those nights and a night of the week that you would prefer.

Reminder: Church Council Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, September 19 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Mark this on your calendars. All are welcome to attend.

Lay Leadership for 2023 – We are quickly approaching 2023 and are looking for disciples ready to step in and help with the ministries of the church. If you have a passion to serve and feel God is calling you to a ministry at Morris Chapel, please let Pastor Mike or Karen Rosser know. They will help you become involved in a ministry, here at Morris Chapel UMC.

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Richard & Pat Angel

Carla Bailey
Jessie & Carter Beck
Joshua Black
Aiken Blackwell
Pat Branton
Louise Buchanan
Sharon Buchanan
Shirley Buchanan
Crystal Burichin
Berle Campbell
**Dwight & Kathleen
Carter**
Tammy Casey
Christians in Middle East
Hal Cleavenger
Jimmy Clifton
Noah Davis Clifton
Mildred Cotton
Jeanette Amos-Cox
Linda Cox
Morgan Cox
Caleb Craig
Colleen Custer

Phil DeVeau
Melissa Edwards
Horace Ferguson
Dale Flagg
Dennis Fore
Pam Gillis
Buddy Godwin
Lewis & Mel Hartman
Bobby & Laura Holder
Janice Holder
Linda Holder
Elva & Henry Hall
Dennis & Phyllis Hartman
Kendall Huepper
Mary Hudson
Wayne Hudson
Chad Huffman
Carolyn Jernigan
Evan Johnson
Nancy Johnson
Laverne Joiner
Bobby Jones
Warren Keyser

Phil Kelly
June Kelly
Peggy Kennedy
Don Key
Tony Kilcullen
Beverly Leslie
Lance Little
Maude Maloney
Melissa Martin
Martha Meeks
Military troops & families
Linda McNeill
Mary McNeill
Tim & Donna McNeill
Kim Neal
Molly Margaret O'Quinn
Nancy Page
Greg Patterson
Brooklyn Annette Perry
Susie Pierce
Pastor Larry Pittman
Phyllis Poe
Family of Brenda Popke
Renee Ratcho

Jason Ray
Johnny Ray
Hank Richards
Megan Riland
Dot Roberts
Betty Jean Rosser
Carolyn Saucier
Ron & Peggy Scott-travels
Sandra Shope
Caden Smith
Hilton Stewart
Darby Thompson
Robin Thompson
Ukraine & Russian people
United Methodist Church
United States of America
Unspoken Prayers
Pam Vaughan
Lance Weekly
Heather Wicker
Lilla Williams
Fred Wilson
Bill Wilson
Sandy Woolston
Sammy Womack

After Worship treats in the Fellowship Hall today are provided by Lou Millar and Gillian Hubley. Thank you!