

Offertory *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Great Thanksgiving
Sharing the bread and the cup
Prayer following Communion

✠ **Hymn**
✠ **Postlude**

“This Is My Father’s World”

UMH No. 144

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

from John Wesley's sermon, "The Catholic Spirit" ca. 1750

“There are many doctrines of a less essential nature, with regard to which even the sincere children of God are and have been divided for many ages. In these we may think and let think, we may ‘agree to disagree.’ But meantime, let us hold fast the essentials of the faith once delivered to the saints... insisted on at all times and in all places. Can we not be of one heart even if we are not of the same opinion?”



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Worship Service, 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton
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Pastor

A Service of Word and Table

World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025

The observance of World Communion Sunday gives us a moment to focus our attention on the universal and inclusive nature of the church.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church Bell

Greeting

Prelude *“When Morning Guilds the Sky”* **Carl Sykes**

Choral Praise *“In Remembrance of Me”* **Choir**

† Call to Worship

Christ is the world’s light.
Christ and no other.

Christ is the world’s peace.
Christ and no other.

Christ is the world’s life.
Christ and no other.

Give God the glory, God and none other.
We give God the glory: Spirit, Son, and Father.

† **Opening Prayer** *a prayer from the 2nd century*

Born as a son, led forth as a lamb, sacrificed as a sheep, you rose from the dead as God. You are by nature God and man. You are all things: You judge, and so you are law; you teach and so you are word; you save and so you are grace; you beget and so you are father; you are begotten and so you are son; you suffer and so you are sacrifice; you were buried and so you are man; you rose again and so you are God. You are the Christ, to whom belongs glory for all ages. **Amen.**

† **Hymn of Praise** *“We Gather Together”* **UMH No. 131**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson	Psalms 26	Rylee Ray
Anthem	<i>“In Remembrance of Me”</i>	Choir
Children’s Lesson		Stacey Burris
† Gospel Lesson	Matthew 28:18-20	
Sermon	<i>“The catholic Church”</i>	Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare us, O God, as we confess our faults. Restore your faithful ones who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

† Words of Assurance and Pardon

Knowing that all are equal here, and knowing that Jesus paid the price for the whole world, hear the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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† The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen.

† **Hymn of Response** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* **UMH No. 577**

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

~ This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 930 AM.

Pastor's Bible Study – Tuesday at 10 AM.

Choir rehearsal – Wednesday night at 6:30 PM.

UPCOMING – Church Council will meet on October 20 at 7 PM.

Acolyte Training

Acolyte Training today – *Dear Acolytes, Please let your parents know that you have to stay in the sanctuary after worship today for training.*

Make-up date will be October 12 for those who can't make it next week.

See Karen Rosser, Danny Baker, or Bryson Baker.

Acolyte Spotlight



Cole Burris

Our Acolyte Spotlight this week is on Cole Burris, the son of Drew & Stacey Burris and younger brother to Jase. Cole has reached the ripe old age of 5 as of his recent birthday. Cole likes T-ball and riding his bike. Favorite subject at school? When Grand-ma comes to pick me up! 😊 Favorite teacher: Ms. Jennifer. Cole's appetite is best satisfied with pizza, and then lemon oreo's for dessert. The best game for Cole to play with is his T-Rex dinosaur. He loves to spend time outdoors, playing in mud puddles, hitting the baseball or the golf ball or shooting basketball. Time is best spent over at Grand-ma's where he drinks coke, watches his shows, stays up late and snuggles with Grand-ma. Say hello to Cole and let him know he's appreciated and how he helps make worship special for the rest of us.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Bryant Hickman.

Peggy Baker	Mike Garcia	Nancy Johnson	Susie Pierce
Opal Campbell	Elva Hall	Jared Lett	Danielle Rachko
Jeff Cummings	Dennis Hartman	Charles Maddox	Ron & Peggy Scott
Mandy Dalrymple	Lewis Hartman	Nancy McDuffie	Donna Sloan
Peggy Daniels	Bobby Holder	Rhonda McNeill	Shelby Truelove
Mary Ann Feavel	Laura Holder	Laurel Parker	Louise Walker
	Gillian Hubley	Kathy Pembroke	Betty Zann

Send prayer requests to Pastor Kevin @ 919-802-8286, kseymour@nccumc.org,
or use the yellow prayer card request found in your pew pocket.

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance last Sunday: 48

Tithes & Offerings as of: 09/28/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 152,321.19
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 159,389.86
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 7,068.67

Let none appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. – Deuteronomy 16:17.

Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can. – *John Wesley.*

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Oct. 5	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	Rylee Ray	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Linda Dilley	Paisley Kilmer Carol Martell
Oct. 12	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Jason Kilmer	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Marian Huepper	
Oct. 19	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Calleigh Baker	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Danny Baker	
Oct. 26	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Stacey Burris	Isabelle Sturgill	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	George Orlovsky	

Notice to all who are scheduled to serve -- you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot.

If you have changes, let Pastor Kevin or Peggy Baker know.

Thank you for serving the good of God's church.