



# MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## An Order of Service for Worship and Word

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2023 - 9:30 AM

### Entrance

### Prelude

“On the Cross of Calvary”

Musician

Richard E. Gerig (arr. by Albin C. Whitworth)

**Welcome** Be Thou our vision, O God. Be our eyes. Be our hearts. Be the grace that flows through our lives. Only with Your eyes can we see rightly.

### Call to Worship

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Choir

### Greeting

L: Dawn is breaking. Christ’s light is shining.

**P: The Light of the world shines in our lives.**

L: Put aside the cares of the night.

**P: In the Lord, we live in the light.**

L: Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

**P: Even in times of despair, hope shines forth.**

L: Sleeper, awake! Christ’s light is shining.

**P: The Light of the world shines in our lives.**

### † Opening Hymn

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#57

### † Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Light of all lights, be our vision this day. Open our eyes to behold Your glory. Open our hearts to the warmth of Your love. Open our minds to the flame of Your truth. Open our souls to the glory of living as children of Light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of Your kingdom. Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

Minister

### † Gloria Patri

#70

### Children’s Message

Krystle Ray

### Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Minister

Musical Interlude

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

### Special Music

“He Washed My Eyes with Tears”

Choir

### Offering

† Doxology

#95

† Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering

Minister

### Message

**John 9:1-41**

Minister

**Jesus, Give Me Sight**

### † Sending Forth

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

#365

### † 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!

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of Jerry and Mary Keith's Family.

**Administrative Council Meeting Reminder:** Tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall! Committee Heads – please plan to attend. Thank you.

**Easter Baskets** for Sanford Health and Rehab! Church volunteers will be making homemade Peanut Butter Eggs, Peanut Butter Balls, Peanut Clusters and Chocolate Covered Pretzels. These can be purchased following the Worship Services on Sunday, March 26th and on April 2nd. Proceeds will go toward making the 45 Easter Baskets to be delivered to residents of Sanford Health and Rehab. We appreciate your support of this worthy project!

**Easter Cantata Choir Practice** has started, but it's not too late to join in. Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join in! Easter is April 9<sup>th</sup>. Let's have a full choir singing praises and giving glory to God!

**It's Scholarship Time!** It now is time to apply for scholarships! Please see Danny Baker for applications. The scholarships will be awarded on Mothers' Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**2023 Worship Volunteers Schedule** Please contact Drew Burris (704) 467-0781 or Stacey Burris (919) 721-2236 for any changes. We pray that everyone might be able to participate and serve in our Worship Services to God's glory.

**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:** 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.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Richard & Pat Angel	Bob & Laura Holder	Linda McNeill	
Billie Arnett	Mary Hudson	Tim & Donna McNeill	Jack Steer
Betty & Don Beach	Wayne Hudson	Rhonda McNeill	Hilton Stewart
Deborah Beaudin	Chad Huffman	Clay Moore	Ellie Swanson
Bud & Carol Burgess	<b>Evan Johnson</b>	Tom Napier	Lee Swanson family
Donna Callodonato	Nancy Johnson	Randy Norris	Blake Thomas
Alan Cox	Bob Kennedy	Susie Pierce	<b>Family of Lisa Thomas</b>
Jeanette Amos-Cox	<b>Beckley Lister</b>	Phyllis Poe	Joyce Key Thomas
Martha Crutchfield	Jason Little	Janie Ray	United Methodist Church
Matthew Cumber	Jeff Ludewig	Jason Ray	United States of America
Donnie & Melanie-homeless	Diane Ludewig	Johnny Ray	Unspoken Prayers
Melissa Edwards	Bette Lyons	Hank Richards	Marine Paul Whelan-prisoner
Dennis Fore	Shirley Maddox	Carrie Richards	Josie Weiss-travels
<b>Greg Garcia</b>	Maude Maloney	Dot Roberts	Silvie Weiss
<b>Family of Kathy Garrett</b>	Melissa Martin	Karen Rosser	Carol Wilcom
Family of Robert (Bob) Gillis	Scott Mead	Carolyn Saucier	Flossie Wilt
Peggy Gilmore	Martha Meeks	<b>Ron &amp; Peggy Scott</b>	Lilla Williams
Buddy Godwin	Military troops & families	Sandra Shope	Bill Wilson
Tommy Harrington	Nancy McDuffie	Logan Shuey	Veteran with PTSD
Dennis & Lewis Hartman	Ann McLeod	Fred Spivey	Eleanor Yarborough

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 2023	Acolytes	Children's Message	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers	Fellowship
<b>19</b>	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Krystal Ray	Justin Ray JC Ray	Jack Harper Mavis Harper		The Wissinger Family
<b>26</b>	Caleigh Baker Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Greg Vorholt Walt Hersman	Laurel Parker Hank Richards		Greg & Marica Garcia
<b>April 2</b>	Jason Little Rylee Ray	Gillian Hubley	Jack Harper Wayne Stack	Greg & Marcia Garcia		Scott & Emma Anderson
<b>9 Easter</b>	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Gary Maddox Justin Ray	Donna Maddox Linda Dilley	Gary Maddox Donna Maddox Justin Ray Krystle Ray	The Fellowship Committee
<b>16</b>	Jase Burris Caleigh Baker	Mike Edwards	George Orlovsky Ron Mercer	Greg & Cindy Vorholt		Gordon & Sandra Klumpp