

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH No. 110

† Benediction

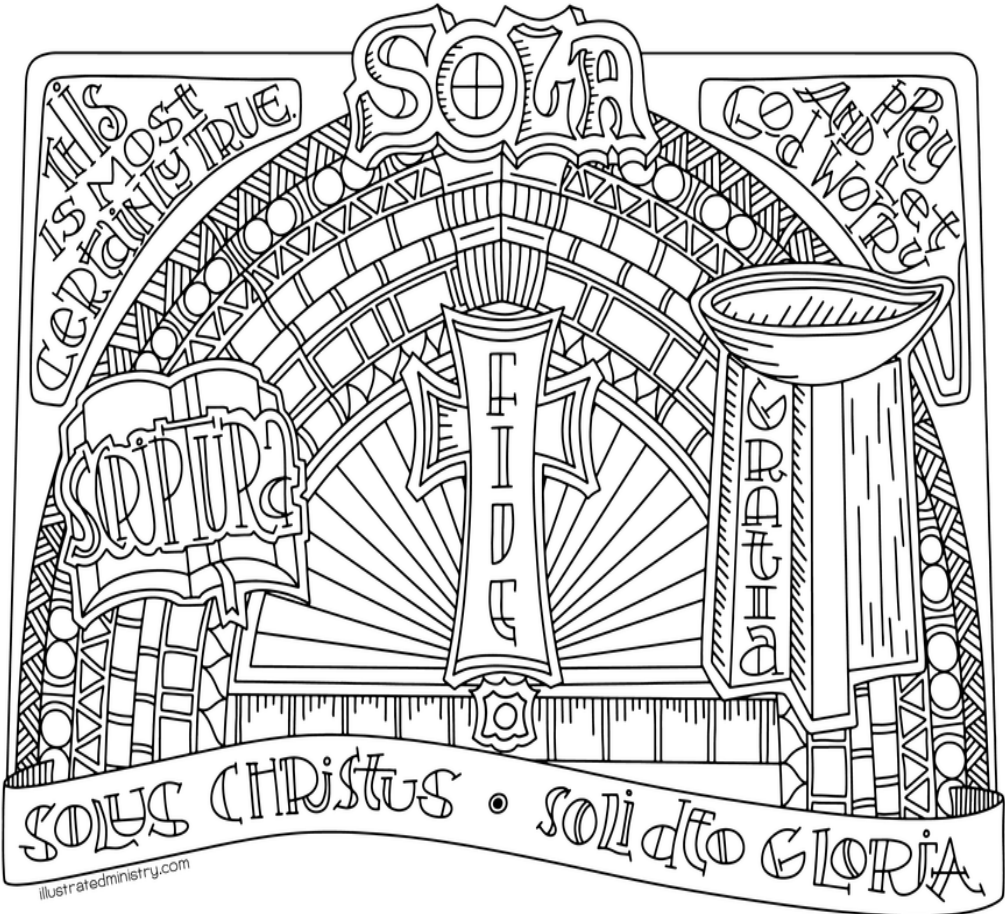
† Postlude

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



How fair the Church of Christ shall stand, a beacon light in all the land,
When love and faith all hearts inspire, and all unite in one desire
to be a fam'ly and agree to live in peace and unity.

So let your tongue, your heart, and mind agree to banish ev'ry kind
of malice, falsehood and disguise, and here on earth a paradise
of peace and harmony maintain, where concord and good will shall reign.
— by Thomas Hanson Kingo



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

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Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
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A Service of the Word

Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025

The last Sunday in October, Reformation Sunday, commemorates the sixteenth-century reformers who initiated the Protestant Reformation. This is a day to celebrate the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the reformation of the Church, while also lamenting divisions within the body of Christ worldwide. Reformation Sunday reminds us that God’s work will never be finished until Christ comes again. And so the Church should maintain a posture of humility and avail ourselves always to the reforming work of God.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Greetings

Prelude "The Church’s One Foundation" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "Make Us One" Choir

† Call to Worship

God the Father, the Almighty, you are our mighty fortress in time of need.
God is our help in time of need, whom shall we fear?

We come as sinners to the gospel feast.
We praise you Lord Jesus, you died to set us free.

To the life-giving Spirit, we sing eternal praise.
Alleluia and Amen!

† Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

† Hymn "We Gather Together" UMH No. 131

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Psalm 65 Isabelle Sturgill

Anthem "The Gospel is True"

Children’s Lesson Stacey Burris

New Testament Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sermon "Come Before Winter" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Prayer of Commitment UMH No. 607
"A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou
art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

† Hymn of Response "Rise Up, O Men of God" UMH No. 576

Announcements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

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; Fellowship @ 10:30; Sunday School at 11.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study. 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

For the good of the church

From Ms. Laurel's sister: A Celebration of Life will be on Sunday the 16th at the Eureka Church. From 1-2 will be visitation and from 2-2:30 a short service with reception to follow. Please give the church our thanks for the multitude of prayers they sent up!

Sends cards / condolences to her family at: 711 Michigan St., Omro, WI 54963

Fellowship Time After Church-- Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The coffee is usually already made and simple refreshments (donuts, grapes, store bought pastries) is all that's necessary. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall on the wall next to the counter, and there's a white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do. Let's keep this time of fellowship going each Sunday.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee works to hold our Pastor accountable to expectations and also supports our Pastor and his family. Any feedback that you have regarding our Pastor, whether positive or negative, should be shared with PPRC Chair Sandra Carter.

Upcoming

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 2. A list of those who have passed on since last year is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a look and see if you need to add a loved one's name to be read at our upcoming service. See Karen Rosser.

Methodist Men – Nov. 3 @630 PM.

Children & Youth, Nov. 5 Young disciples will meet on Wednesday night (11/5) from 6 – 7 PM.

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 4:30PM - 6:00PM. We are asking you to bring an unwrapped toy to help the children from El Refugio have a Merry Christmas. Please fill out the flyer with your name and the number attending and place it in the offering plate.

Missions

Bring non-perishable food items next week to donate to the local food pantry. Remember to include cooking oil, flour and seasonings as well. The collection box is in the narthex.

Coat Drive begins Nov. 2nd for children at local elementary schools.

Angel Tree for El Refugio families and for Greenwood and Johnsonville Elementary Schools.

Thanksgiving dinner is provided to local families by Love Grove AME Zion Church.

Morris Chapel supplies cranberry sauce and gravy.

Local charities—By means of the church budget, Morris Chapel provides annual financial support to the following: The Breadbasket, Christians United Outreach Center, El Refugio, Family Promise of Lee Co., Haven House, and the Helping Hand Clinic.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Bill Farwick, Dano Linehan, Louise Walker, Dave Whitney.
Family of Laurel Parker.

Jeff Cummings Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Danielsen Elva Hall Bryant Hickman	Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman Nancy Johnson Jared Lett Charles Maddox	Martha Meeks Nancy McDuffie Rhonda McNeill Robert Mudd George Orlovsky	Kathy Pembroke Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott Donna Sloan Shelby Truelove Betty Zann
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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: 75

Tithes & Offerings as of: 10/19/2025	
2025 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 164,038.20
2025 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 172,058.62
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 8,020.42

Your generous support of the Morris Chapel budget fuels our mission to serve God and our community.
Thank you for every gift you make.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Oct. 26	Cole Burris Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	Jason Kilmer	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	George Orlovsky	
Nov. 2	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Danny Baker	Gary & Karen Rosser
Nov. 9	Jase Burris Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	Inge Hersman	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Donnie Carter	
Nov. 16	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Bryson Baker	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Crystal Burichin	
Nov. 23	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Gail Thomas	
Nov. 30	Calleigh Baker Lincoln Brewer	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Janice Holder	

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.