

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, The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† **Hymn**

"The Day of Resurrection"

UMH No. 303

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

~ *UMH No. 138* ~



JESUS SAID, "I AM THE GATE"

**MORRIS CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Service 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time and Sunday School, 10:45

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton
Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of the Word

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus the Good Shepherd offers abundant life and eternal salvation to all those who believe in him. Those who love Jesus are his sheep who know his voice. Jesus is the living fulfillment of David's Divine Shepherd in Psalm 23—the Lord who guards and protects us. In Acts, the early church celebrates the resurrection life of Jesus by living and worshipping together and by holding everything in common with one another.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude

Judy Spivey

Choral Praise

"He Is Lord"

Choir

† Call to Worship

Holy God our Father, open our lips.

And we will praise your name.

Merciful Lord Jesus, hear your lambs calling.

Speak, Good Shepherd, and lead us to your gate.

Come Holy Spirit, with wisdom and power and might.

Breathe O breathe your loving breath.

We'll sing it 'til our final rest: Father, Son, and Spirit be blessed.

† Prayer

O Shepherd Divine, lead us through the valleys and back to the places on high.

Keep the wolves out of the pastures of your dwelling place. Bend our ears to hear your voice so that we will find our way to your one true gate. **Amen.**

† Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH No. 139

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 23 Pew Bible p. 501, OT

Isabelle Sturgill

Anthem

"When He Was On The Cross"

Choir

Children's Lesson

Krystle Ray

† Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10 Pew Bible p. 103, NT

Sermon

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

UMH No. 138

† Prayer of Confession

Let us pray to the Lord that Christians in all places will stay true to the one Lord, the savior of the world.

Forgive us, O God, when seek to divide.

Let us pray to the Lord that we shall love all alike, for we are sheep of the one fold.

Forgive us, O God, when we place fences in your pasture. Call us to remembrance that we are but lambs trying to find your gate.

Forgive us, O God, our disobedience to your will.

In your great mercy, hear us when we call. Forgive us our sins.

Let it be so, dear Lord. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God, Amen.

† The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Glory to God, Amen!

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
~ I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday –Worship Service @ 930 AM; Fellowship Time & Sunday School,10:45.

Tuesday – Pastor’s Bible study, 10 AM.

Wednesday –Choir rehearsal, 630 PM.

Jesus said, *"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."*

Therefore, our church will invite others to come and join us.

The church calendar is on our web site: www.morrischapelumc.org/events

For the good of the church

SPRING PLATE SALE -- THANK YOU! for participating in our Spring Plate Sale yesterday. It was our first major fund-raiser in quite some time and so it was good and right to get it going again. A special thanks to every person who worked to make it happen, and to all who invited others to stop in for a plate.

Donations are still be accepted, just designate “plate sale donation” with your gift to Morris Chapel.

THANKS to the Fellowship Committee for the delicious brunch last Sunday. The trivia games were fun, the food was great, and the fellowship was delightful.

Is God calling you to serve? A variety of opportunities here at Morris Chapel may offer you a role in servant leadership. There are administrative functions to care for the church property, finances, and personnel matters. Perhaps you feel called to work with the Pastor in planning our worship services. We also have committees for missions and fellowship. If you feel called to servant leadership, please speak to Pastor Kevin.

Upcoming

May 3 – Bring non-perishable food items and seasonings for donation to the Food Pantry.

May 6 – Children & Youth Night, 6 PM.

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Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Mickey Bronner, Lauren Cammeron, Joshua Elliott, Amanda Gregory, Ann Holt, Jannelle Lawrence.

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| Peggy Danielsen Samson Hinson Camden Husky Nancy Johnson | Catherine Maddox Charles Maddox Maude Maloney Rhonda McNeill | Martha Meeks H.T. Pace Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott | Phil Spivey Shelby Truelove Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston |
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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.

Attendance last Sunday – 57

| Tithes & Offerings: 04/19/2026 | |
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| Needed Each Week: | \$ 4,049.40 |
| Received Last Week: | \$ 1,960.92 |

Your gifts enable us to celebrate God’s goodness in worship, make music that inspires hearts to follow Christ, and for us to reach out with compassion to relieve human suffering. We pray that, by these gifts, others will get a taste of God’s kingdom on earth. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

To whom much is given, much is required. Luke 12:48.

Serving in Worship

| | Acolytes | Children’s Lesson | Lay Readers | Ushers | Greeters | Communion Servers |
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| April 26 | Ian Carter Callen Morris | Krystle Ray | Isabelle Sturgill | Daniel Baker Bryson Baker | Danny Baker | |
| May 3 | Ellie Kilmer Teagan Kilmer | Kevin Seymour | Drew Burriss | Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger | Marian Huepper | Rylee Ray Calleigh Baker |
| May 10 | Rylee Ray Callen Morris | Krystle Ray | Inge Hersman | Ron Mercer George Orlovsky | Donnie Carter | |
| May 17 | Jase Burriss Cole Burriss | Kevin Seymour | Bryson Baker | Justin Ray JC Ray | Crystal Burichin | |
| May 24 | Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray | Krystle Ray | George Orlovsky | Drew Burriss Garry Rosser | Gail Thomas | |

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.