

**Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings**

**Offertory**

† **Doxology**

**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!**

**SENDING FORTH**

**Musical Selection**

*"Jesus Saves"*

**Bill Gross**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Allelu, alleluia! Today, Sunday, makes three days since they sacrificed him on a cross.

We buried him in the tomb; they were going to forget him for all time.

He is alive, glory to God! Christ is alive, you hear?

Christ is alive forever; we can also, thanks to him,

Live forever in the kingdom of his Father.

Alleluia, Jesus is resurrected! O alleluia, Jesus is resurrected!

Jesus died, they buried him, on the third day he rose.

It's not a zombie without a soul, because he is alive for sure.

Come on, let's go tell Father Peter, let's go look for Matthew,

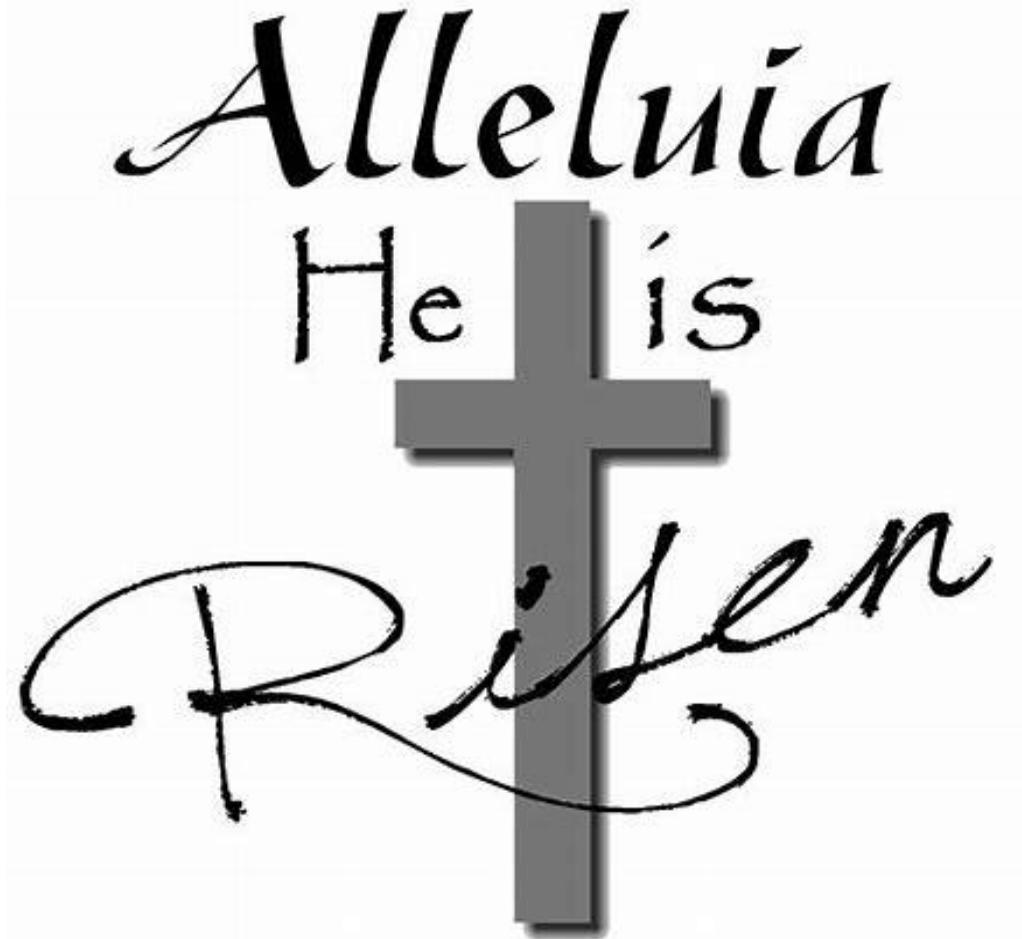
Let's tell little Mark, too bad Thomas won't believe.

We can all quit crying; let us sing to celebrate life.

Yes! Jesus is alive for all time, alleluia! Jesus paid for my sins on the cross.

He died, he rose. His grace is enough to save me. Amen, alleluia!

--by *Emile Desamours (b. 1941)*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

**The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton**

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Fairway District Superintendent

**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**

Pastor

**Nancy Martinez**

Assistant to the District Superintendent

# The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024 9:30 AM

*“All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost!” (Isaiah 55:1)*

Today is Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection. Through Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, life-giving waters, like the four rivers that flowed from Paradise, flow toward us all. Those who are thirsty are invited to drink and be reborn into a renewal of life; one aligned with the eternal covenant. In this way, nourished by the sacraments, we become a wellspring of life for others and can go forth proclaiming joy and peace.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Ringling the Church bell

### Opening Sentences

Jesus our Lord has risen from pain and death and torture, we know now whatever befall us, Christ our Lord will console us! Alleluia!

Christ is our Passover.

**He passed over from death to life.**

Christ the Lord is risen today!

**He is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Prelude

*“Fantasia for Easter Morning”*

Leslie Orlovsky

Arranged by Albin C. Whitworth

### † Hymn of Praise

*“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*  
(verses 1 - 4)

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### † Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### † Affirmation of Faith

*“The Apostles’ Creed”*

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Anthem

Morris Chapel Children and Choir

*“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”*

### † Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

### Homily

Kevin Seymour

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### Easter Cantata

*“The Offer Still Stands”*

Morris Chapel Choir

### † The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

**Glory to God, Amen!**

*All are invited to greet those beside you with signs of peace.*

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – March 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY**

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you joined us in Christian Education and Worship today. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes visitors who are seeking a church home, those who join us for special occasions, and those who seek relief from life's burdens. Join us in praising God, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and giving thanks to a loving God for the blessings of the day!

**CALENDAR**

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour ( <b>no class 4/2 &amp; 4/9</b> )
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**First Time Visitors!** We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed

**Holy Week & Easter Services** - **CHANGE:** Easter Sunrise Service will be on the front lawn at **7:30 AM**, and will be followed by The Resurrection of our Lord Service at 9:30 AM where the **Easter Cantata** “The Offer Still Stands” will be presented. Please attend, and also invite family & friends to join us.

**The Men from Morris Chapel** will serve an Easter Breakfast from **8-9:00 am** with bacon, sausage, and egg casseroles , along with pastries after the Easter Sunrise Service. Everyone is invited to the breakfast!

**Easter Egg Hunt!** Will be held for all the children on Easter Sunday, following the 9:30 Service! Hope to see all there!

**The Scholarship Committee** will have scholarship applications ready on Easter Sunday for those interested. Please see Danny Baker or Sandra Carter to obtain a copy or for any questions.

**Canned Food Drive** is coming up next Sunday, April 7th. Bring your canned or boxed goods (no glass containers) and place them in the **box in the narthex**. Our donations are added to the food pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church to help feed hungry neighbors. We appreciate your generosity.

**New Church Directory with Color Family Photos** is being planned for this spring! SAVE these dates: June 13,14,15! The Portrait Café will be on premises in the Fellowship Hall to take member and attendee photos as well as extended family photos! More details regarding how, when & where to sign up and time frames to follow very soon!

**The Month of March the Mission Committee** will collect items for The Haven, a safe house for abused men, women and children. They are requesting full size hair items such as shampoo, conditioner, mousse and hairspray as people can be there for 60 days or more. They also need of cleaning products like Clorox or Pine Sol. If you find it in your heart and can help, collection boxes **will be in the Fellowship Hall**. Thank you and God Bless

**Pastor’s Tuesday Bible Study** is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Class starts at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see...Our group is growing.(**no class 4/2 &4/9**)

**The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar** is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. **Committee Chairs**, please **enter all meetings scheduled** for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers by Wednesday morning what you wish to have listed. Thanks!

**PARISH NOTICES**

Two excellent websites for the North Carolina UMC will give you information on all sorts of lay ministries available and other courses/classes offered through the Methodist Churches. Go to [cle@nccumc.org](mailto:cle@nccumc.org) and/or [communications@nccumc.org](mailto:communications@nccumc.org).

**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.**

**PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Sherry Baucom <b>Lucas Bell</b> Vicke & Randy Buchanan Joey Campbell Jayden Cockran Congregational Unity James Dean <b>Linda Dilley</b> Abby Faulkerson LeeAnn Finicum Ron Hartman	Mark Hickman Jimmy Holt <b>Family of Teresa Ingram</b> Ann Jackson <b>Evan &amp; Leslie Johnson</b> Tom Kirby <b>Nanci Lenori</b> <b>Colin Ludwig</b> Charles Maddox Maude Maloney Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod	Foster McNeill Rhonda McNeill Mike Phillips Susie Pierce Helen Rogers <b>Al Rushatz</b> <b>The Royal Family</b> <b>Russian attacks</b> Shirley Salmon Anna Sanfilippo Richard Saucier <b>Ron &amp; Peggy Scott</b>	Becky Seymour <b>Norman Sloan Family</b> Kyle Smith <b>Phil Spivey</b> Lisa Stafford Joyce Key Thomas <b>Ukraine churches</b> United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Ruth Watson Jimmy Womack
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**Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings**      Attendance 3/24/24    70

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings as of: 03/24/2024</b>	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 44,376.53
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 72,613.85
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 28,237.32

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**Worship Volunteers--** you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot. Thank you.

<b>Mar</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Children's Message</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>
<b>31</b>	Paisley Kilmer Teagon Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Gary Maddox	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter	
<b>Apr. 7</b>	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Drew Burris	Jack Harper Mavie Harper	Crystal Burichin Gail Thomas Travis Thomas	Rev. Sue Job Don Job Deb Callodonato George Orlovsky
<b>14</b>	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Inge Hersman	Greg Vorholt Gary Maddox	Doug Currin Crystal Burichin	
<b>21</b>	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	
<b>28</b>	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Manuela Seymour	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	

## The Offer Still Stands



### Triumphal Entry Medley

Hosanna, Hosanna

Majesty

Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises

### One at Your Table

It Is Finished (*Steve Huepper, soloist*)

### The Offer Still Stands

### Coronation Medley

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Majesty