

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD HUNDRETH

Sharing our prayer concerns

Holy Communion

UMH No. 9

Prayer following Communion

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

UMH No. 712

† **Benediction**

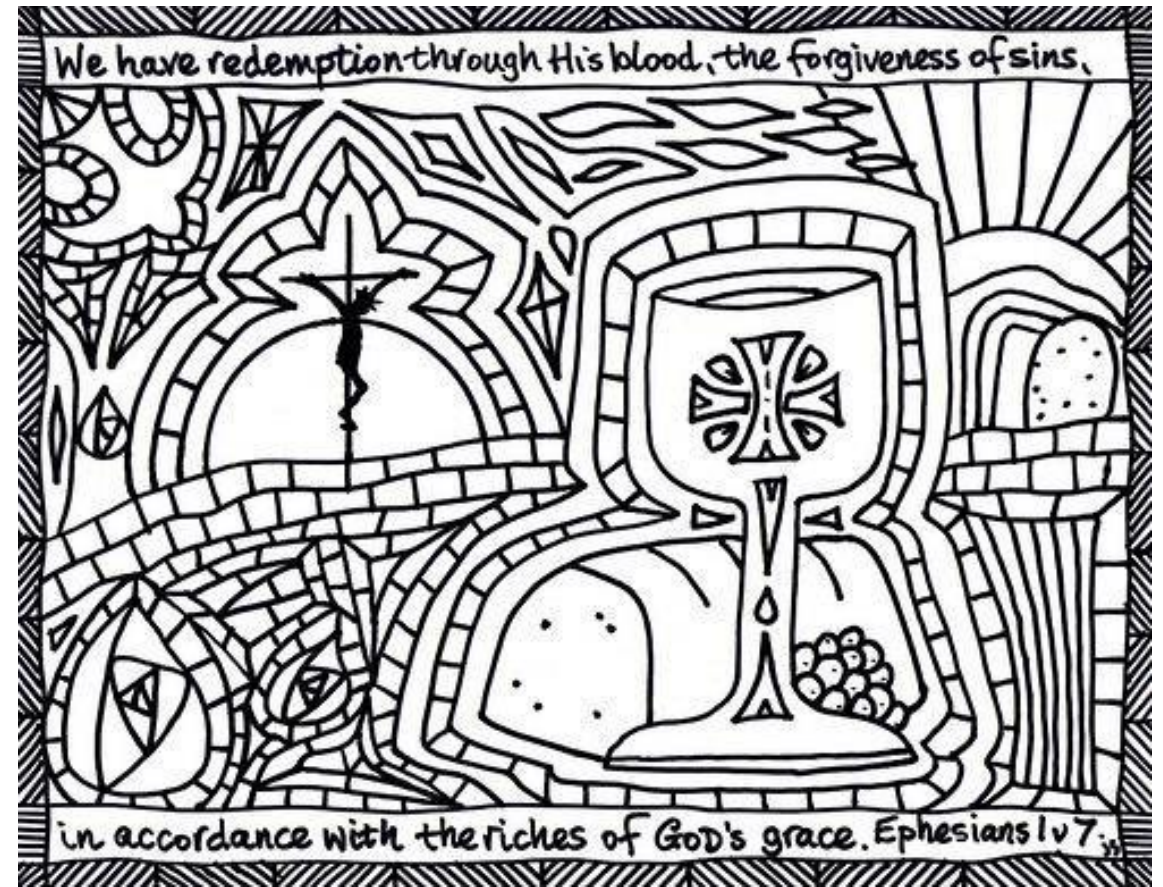
† **Postlude**

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

Jesu, we thus obey Thy last and kindest word,
Here in thine own appointed way we come to meet our Lord;
The way thou hast enjoined thou wilt therein appear:
We come with confidence to find thy special presence here.

He bids us drink and eat his imperishable food,
He gives his flesh to be our meat, and bids us drink our blood:
Whate'er the Almighty can to pardoned sinners give,
The fullness of our God made man we here with Christ receive.

With pure celestial bliss He doth our spirits cheer,
His house of banqueting this, and he has brought us here:
He doth his servants feed with manna from above;
His banner over us is spread, His everlasting love. --by *Charles Wesley*



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

Fairway District Superintendent

A Service of Word and Table

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024 9:30 AM

Psalms 127 proclaims that unless the Lord builds the house all labor is in vain. This a reminder for us that Christians rely not on our own strength, but on God's.

In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul calls upon Christians as members of one body, each with differing gifts, to build up our strength by growing up into Christ in every way.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Meditation"* Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise *"My Life is in You"* Jerry Keith

† Call to Worship

Dear Father from whom all blessings flow,
Keep perfecting your saints below.

In the steps of Jesus let us go.
To sing his praises here below.

We praise you Holy Spirit, and pray you will fill us up.
Oh let us build each other up. Amen!

† Opening Prayer *Ambrose of Milan, 4th century*

O Lord teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me
when I seek you. For I cannot seek you unless
you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me.
Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking.
Let me find you in love, and love you in finding. **Amen.**

† Hymn of Praise *"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"* UMH No. 717

Verses 1, 4, 5

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson	Psalms 127	Peggy Baker
Anthem	<i>"He"</i>	Jerry Keith
Children's Lesson		Krystle Ray
New Testament Lesson		Ephesians 4:1-16
Sermon	<i>"Growing Up in Christ"</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.

All pray in silence to make personal confessions

† Words of Assurance

† Pardon In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

† The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen!

† Hymn of Response *"Change My Heart, O God"* TFWS No. 2152

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart O God, may I be like you.**

**You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.**

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Change my heart O God, may I be like you.**

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – August 4, 2024

WELCOME!

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you have come to join us for this time of worship. Morris Chapel welcomes all who seek a church home, all who desire to connect with God and the people of God, and all who seek relief from life's burdens. We invite you to take notice of the opportunities to explore the faith, and to walk alongside others in living out the faith of Jesus Christ.

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 “Faith Formation Class - Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – Choir will RESTART in September!

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.

Thank you VBS Helpers! May God bless you for the assistance provided to make this VBS a wonderful success! It takes the dedication of many to make this happen, and God enriched both those who helped and those who attended.

Methodist Men will be meeting on Thursday, August 8 in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm. Please mark your calendars! Thanks.

The General Letters Bible Study still has room for more attendees. Please consider joining us for the study of the General Letters: James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John and Jude. You will be reminded and encouraged in living your life for Christ.. Hope to see you soon! Bring your Bibles! (Classroom #3 – 11:00 after service)

Coming: New Playground: The new playground has been purchased from Dura-Built in Sanford. In the next 4-6 weeks, the current playground will be removed and the area will be prepped to set-up the new playground. A picture of the purchased playground will be displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Come check it out!

BIRTHDAY CAKE Sunday - The first Sunday of each month is Birthday Cake Sunday. If you have been asked to provide the cake, no other snacks are necessary and no one else needs to sign up to provide refreshments that Sunday. Thank you.

Food Pantry Donations – Our friends at Love Grove AME Zion Church appreciate all the canned goods we provide for the Food Pantry. Please remember to include staples such as flour, sugar, vegetable oil, mayonnaise, salt & pepper, and other spices and seasonings in addition to the canned goods you're already so generous in giving. Thank you!

Pastor's Tuesday Bible Study also known as “Faith Formation Class” 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...

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!

Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963 AND Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.
PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family of David H. Baker Jess Bartlett Debbie Bryan Crystal Burichin Colleen Campbell Richard Campbell Kathy Cicotelli Noah Clifton Jeff Cummings Peggy Danielsen	Family of Merritt Foushee Greg & Marcia Garcia Dennis Hartman Lee Hatfield family Family of Mary Hogan Amanda Johnson Evan & Leslie Johnson Gordon Klumpp	Ron LaJeuncsse Mark Lovett Maude Maloney Ann McLeod Rhonda McNeill Ken Moss Phyllis Holt Phillips Susie Pierce Katie Perry	Valerie Robertino Ron & Peggy Scott Becky Seymour Donna Sloan Jackson Snipes Joyce Key Thomas United Methodist Church Pam Vaughan Sam Watts
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings Attendance 7/28/24 **75**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 07/28/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 110,941.33
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 138,245.35
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 27,304.02

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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

Call Worship Chair Peggy Baker at 919-935-1600 if you have questions or issues. Thank you.

Aug	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
4	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Krystle Ray	Peggy Baker	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
11	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Richard Angel	Isabelle Sturgill	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Drew Burris Laurel Parker	
18	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Stacey Burris	Jason Morton	Jason Morton Danny Baker	Marian Huepper Marcia Garcia	
25	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Doug Currin	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter	
Sept 1	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Richard Angel	Gary Maddox	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Richard Angel Crystal Burichin	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour George Orlovsky Isabelle Sturgill

After Worship Birthday Cake is provided by Linda Stack. Thank you!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

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| 8/2 Rich Guerrero | 8/18 Melissa Gross | 8/22 Crystal Burichin |
| 8/3 Connie Currin | 8/18 Sarah Jordan | 8/25 Kathy Gross |
| 8/5 Rev. Kevin Seymour | 8/18 Wayne Stack | 8/25 Ronnie Maddox |
| 8/15 Libby Hubbard | 8/20 Manuela Seymour | 8/26 David Vick |
| 8/17 Elliott Kilmer | 8/21 Brittany Ray | 8/30 Cody Gross |

The Faith We Sing

All are invited to donate a new hymnal to a loved one, a special friend,
a family member who has gone to glory or someone who was
influential in your life.

This will be a lasting memorial for that person and your family, kept
within the church sanctuary for anyone to see.

Dedication labels will be placed inside on the hymnals front covers for
posterity. Hymnal donation is \$20.00

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

Your PH# _____

Payment: _____

Please make **separate checks** payable to Morris Chapel UMC and indicate
Hymnal Purchase. A list will be published after the books have been
dedicated. Thank you... and may God bless your special person's life and
memory.