

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

Announcements

† **Hymn**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

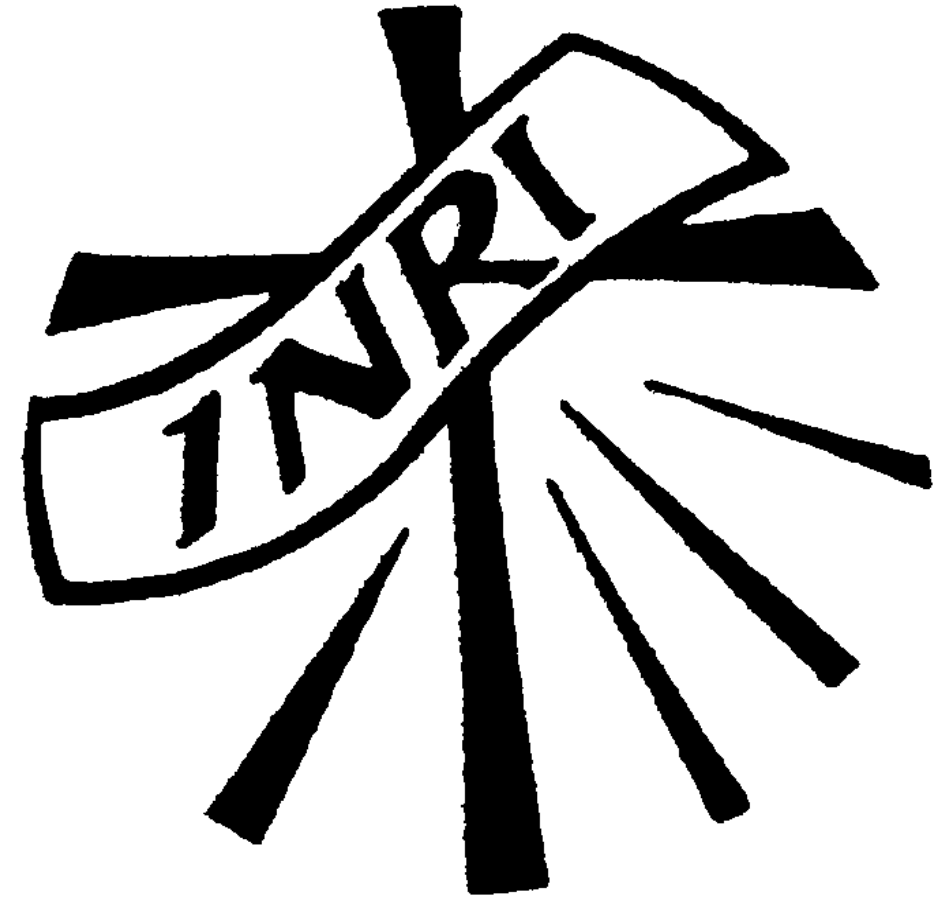
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† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing praise unto God!
With heart and voice sing praise to God forever.
To God on high all hearts draw nigh.
To Him, Eternal God, be praise forever.
J.S. Bach



JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS

**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 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

In Psalm 16 we hear a cry to God for protection, pleading that we wouldn't be given up to the Pit of Sheol. Alas, in God's right hand are pleasure and beauty forevermore. First Peter praises God for the protection and vindication of his children. By God's unbound grace, we are given an inheritance that is undefiled, unfading, and imperishable.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude

"O, Divine Redeemer"

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

"He is Lord"

Choir

† **Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We give thanks and praise his name.

Let all creation worship the Holy Father.

He sent the Son for us and our salvation.

Come now Holy Spirit.

Breathe, O breathe on us thy loving Spirit.

Sing praise to the living God.

Glory be to the Holy Trinity. Alleluia and Amen!

† **Prayer**

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin.

Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.

Amen.

† **Hymn**

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 16 Pew Bible p. 495, OT

Jason Kilmer

Anthem

"Then Came the Morning"

Choir

Children's Lesson

Stacey Burris

New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9 Pew Bible p. 232, NT

Sermon

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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† **Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Pastor and People:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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

Plate Sale Fundraiser, April 25. All are invited to support our **SPRING PLATE SALE on Saturday April 25** beginning at 11 AM. Marinated chicken breast, baked potato, slaw, dinner roll + home-made dessert. \$12 cash, card, or check. Plates will be available by drive-through at our shelter, but seating will be available inside if you'd like to enjoy your meal here with friends. No tickets or advance sales, plates will be available until sold-out. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board so that you can do your part. Proceeds will be deposited into the Morris Chapel Building Fund. Please make sure you're a part of this & invite family & friends.

April Birthdays -- Paula Horstmann 4/3, Donna Maddox 4/12, Donna Carter 4/14, Rylee Ray 4/22, Walt Hersman 4/25, Gillian Hubley 4/28, Ron Mercer 4/28.

To my Morris Chapel Family – Thank you so much for the beautiful basket of all-white mixed flowers in memory of my sweet Mother. They lifted my spirits at a difficult time. Your prayers, cards and phone calls were truly a blessing to me and my Mother during her last few months of her life. ~ Gratefully, Terrena Shelton & family. ~

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.

Fellowship Brunch, April 19 after worship. All are invited.

To the Morris Chapel Choir: The Easter Cantata last Sunday was a beautiful presentation of the gospel. Thank you for sharing it with us. I have enjoyed quite a bit of music at Morris Chapel over the years, and I want you to know that your commitment and preparation shine through every Sunday. Your part of our worship experience means so much to me, and I know that others feel the same way. I wish to give a special thanks to Jerry Keith for leading you so faithfully. Keep up the good work, and to God be the glory! – *from one who attends Morris Chapel's services* –

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Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Camden Husky, H.T. Pace
 Families of Linda McNeill, Patsy Sloan, David Stout.

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| Macy Carver Peggy Daniels Linda Gurley Katie Garcia Hinson Baby Samson Hinson | Nancy Johnson Maude Maloney Joe Martin Rhonda McNeill | Martha Meeks Susie Pierce Ron & Peggy Scott Marilyn Stevens 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 – 95

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 12 | Jase Burris Cole Burris | Stacey Burris | Jason Kilmer | Todd Pace Nash Pace | Linda Dille | |
| April 19 | Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray | Kevin Seymour | Calleigh Baker | Donnie Carter Ian Carter | George Orlovsky | |
| 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 Burris | 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 Burris Cole Burris | Kevin Seymour | Bryson Baker | Justin Ray JC Ray | Crystal Burichin | |

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.