

**Offertory**

† **Doxology**

#95

**Holy Communion**

# 9

*The Great Thanksgiving*

*Sharing the bread and the cup*

*The altar is open for prayer*

**SENDING FORTH**

† **Hymn**

*“Blessed Assurance”*

# 369

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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



For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.  
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.  
Who keep us till the day when night shall pass away,  
when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,  
and we shall sing forever.

--- by Ken Medema (b.1943)



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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**

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**The Rev. Sunny B. Limm**

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**Nancy Martinez**

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# A Service of Word and Table

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1, 2023 9:30 AM

This morning we celebrate World Communion Sunday, giving thanks for the universal Body of Christ. In the sacrament of Holy Communion, we are bonded in spiritual unity with Christians around the world, receiving Jesus, the Bread of Life.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Ringing the Church Bell

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** "Ave Verum" (Jesu, Word of God Incarnate) **Leslie Orlovsky**  
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. by Martha Powell Setchell.

**Choral Praise** "Come to the Table" **Choir**

† **Call to Worship** *Adapted from Psalms 23 and 73, Isaiah 55*

I was glad when they said to me,  
**Let us go to the house of the Lord!**

Come all who hunger and all who thirst,  
**The gracious Lord Jesus has spread a table in our sight.**

Let us forever abide in His saving grace.  
**And let us desire nothing more.**

O Holy Spirit, make your divine grace to us be known,  
**Meet us here today we pray, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

† **Opening Prayer**

Lord Jesus, the disciples gathered with you on the night in which you gave yourself up for us. They heard you say that the cup poured out was your blood of the covenant. In your great mercy, we come to your table today not by our own designs. For we could not in a million years earn the right to dine with you. Grant us today just the grace we need, and give us a hearty appetite for your offering of love. **Amen.**

† **Hymn of Praise** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" # 152

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson** **Isaiah 55:1-3** **Peggy Baker**

**Anthem** "Hungry I Come" **Choir**

**Children's Lesson** **Richard Angel**

**New Testament Lesson** **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Sermon** "World Hunger" **Kevin Seymour**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### Prayer of Confession

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us and the evil we have done.**

**Forgive us, restore us, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance and Pardon

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!**

### The Peace

**May the peace of Christ be with you.**

**And also with you.**  
**Glory to God, Amen!**

† **Hymn of Response** "The Church's One Foundation" #545

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

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – October 1, 2023**

**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	11:00 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**THANKS BE TO GOD** for the wonderful Homecoming we experienced last Sunday! He enabled the congregation to come together, contribute, and assist so that all attendees could experience a most blessed celebration. Thank you to all who labored in love to make this special day wonderful. Thank you to all who invited others to our celebration. Hallelujah and praise the Lord!

**Christmas Cantata Practice** If you would like to join the choir for the Christmas cantata, practice will begin Wed., Oct. 4. from 7-7:35. Come raise your voice in praise of our Holy God!

**Reminder: United Methodist Men’s Meeting** will meet on October 5 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are hoping to meet every month on the first Thursday of the month. Gentlemen, please join us as we gather to discuss how we can minister to the congregation of Morris Chapel and the surrounding community! Come, be a part of the body of Christ....

**Fellowship Time After Church** Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The Fellowship Committee provides refreshments one Sunday per month. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall, right wall next to the counter. There's a white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do so let's keep this time of fellowship going!

**Do You Love Children?** Then perhaps you will assist with the Children’s Messages! We need 2-4 interested and caring volunteers to round out the monthly schedule. That would mean one message per month per volunteer. Please pray about this – then contact either Mavis Harper, Laurel Parker, or Pastor Kevin regarding your decision to assist. Thank you!

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** – The Methodist Men are back in action and will host a dinner on October 20 from 6 – 8 PM. Tickets will be available. \$8.00 for adults, 12 & under \$5.00.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Harry Denman Evangelism Awards!** The North Carolina Conference of the UMC has a wonderful inspirational article available. Read how three people in North Carolina reach out to their classmates, friends and community with the word of Christ – putting God’s word into action! Reference this address for a heartwarming read!  
<https://nccumc.org/christian-formation/2023/09/harry-denman-evangelism-award-winners-recognized/>

**Fellowship Treats** are being provided by Danny Baker and Janice Holder today. Thank you!

**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.**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings William Black <b>Richard &amp; Amanda Campbell</b> Kristie Casterlin Chapel Hill community Bee Chapman Congregational Unity Jeanette Cox Shelton Crutchfield Barryman Hall Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman	Bob & Laura Holder Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Tom Kirby Diane Ludwig Gary Maddox Maude Maloney Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Sandra Norris <b>Ophelia storm victims</b> Susie Pierce	Danielle Rahko Ray Family <b>Angelene Rosser</b> Milton & Betty Rosser Ron & Peggy Scott <b>Nathaniel Smith</b> Cynthia Spivey <b>Joyce Key Thomas</b> Wilma Truelove United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Flossie Wilt Nick Wissinger-travels <b>Sandy Woolston</b> Debra Underwood
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### LAST SUNDAY – Homecoming

Attendance	114
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,767.50
Weekly Goal	\$3,696.63

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:19b)

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Oct.	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
<b>1</b>	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	Peggy Baker	Daniel Baker Drew Burris	Gary Rosser Karen Rosser	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Gary Maddox Donna Maddox
<b>8</b>	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Steve Huepper	Danny Baker Bryson Baker	Donna Maddox Krystle Ray	
<b>15</b>	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Inge Hersman	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Danny Baker Peggy Baker	
<b>22</b>	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Marian Huepper Laurel Parker	
<b>29</b>	Ian Carter Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Manuela Seymour	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Scott Anderson Emma Anderson	