## Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

## Offertory

† Doxology

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

**Sharing our prayer concerns** 

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

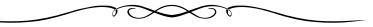
## **SENDING FORTH**

† **Hymn** "All Glory Laud and Honor"

# 280

- † Benediction
- † Postlude

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



O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay Are strewn this day in festal preparation; Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Join all and sing Hosanna!
Let every voice resound with joyous acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

—by J. Baptiste Faure (1830 – 1914)



# MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Raleigh Area Bishop

**Nancy Martinez** 

Pastor

The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

Fairway District Superintendent

Assistant to the District Superintendent

# A Service of the Word

Palm Sunday March 24, 2024 9:30 AM

Our service begins with a procession of the palms to recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The palms we wave reflect the fragility of the celebration—because a mere five days later the crowd's adulation turns to hatred. In Philippians we read Paul's account of Jesus's ministry. Paul sums up the humiliation and the glory of Jesus that the Church honors this week as we follow Jesus to the cross on Good Friday, and anticipate his resurrection three days later.

# **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

#### **Ringing the Church bell**

Prelude "The Palms" Leslie Orlovsky

by Jean Baptiste Faure, arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

## **Opening Sentences**

This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

† **Hymn** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" # 278

Children's Lesson Kevin Seymour

# † Prayer

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.** 

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 Doug Currin

**Anthem** "Blessed is He" Choir

† Gospel Lesson Mark 11:1-11

**Sermon** "A Gentle and Joyful Witness" **Kevin Seymour** 

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

† Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" # 277

Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

**Sharing the Peace** 

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Glory to God, Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith** "The Nicene Creed"

#880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – March 24, 2024

#### **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 Livestrea	ery Sunday	son and Livestrea
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Sunday 10:30 am Fellowship Time Sunday 10:45 am Sunday Schools

Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study "Sunday's Coming" Pastor Seymour

Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Practice – all are welcome

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

<u>First Time Visitors!</u> 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

<u>Holy Week & Easter Services</u> -- We will gather for Maundy Thursday worship at 7:15 PM on March 28 to recognize and remember the Last Supper. <u>CHANGE</u>: Easter Sunrise Service will be on the front lawn at 7:30 AM, not 7:15 am and will be followed by The Resurrection of our Lord at 9:30 AM. Please attend, and also invite family & friends to join us.

<u>The Easter Cantata</u> will be presented on Easter Sunday at the 9:30 Service. It is entitled "The Offer Still Stands." Come to hear this wonderful music and join in the praise and worship of our awesome Risen Lord!

<u>The Men from Morris Chapel</u> will serve an Easter Breakfast from 8-9:00 am with bacon, sausage, and egg casseroles after the Easter Sunrise Service. Everyone is invited to the breakfast! Greg Vorholt 586-201-0687

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

<u>The Scholarship Committee</u> 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.

<u>The Month of March the Mission Committee</u> 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 bins will be in the church narthex and the Fellowship Hall. Thank you and God Bless

<u>Pastor's Tuesday Bible Study</u> 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....

<u>A Delicious Time of Year</u> will end TODAY! This last day of sales, we will be selling small chocolate covered peanut butter balls, peanut clusters, and Buckeyes priced at \$4.00 a bag. (Correct change greatly appreciated!) The proceeds will go to the Men's group and will be earmarked for decorations and choir robes. Project ladies are Terrena Shelton, Marion Huepper, Marcia Garcia and Mavis Harper. We thank you!

<u>The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar</u> is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. Committee Chairs, please <u>enter all meetings scheduled</u> 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!

<u>New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons</u> is as easy and going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your devotion. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch">https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch</a>

#### **PARISH NOTICES**

<u>The Center for Leadership Excellence</u> invites you to a webinar, <u>Looking Up: Acknowledging Grief</u>, <u>Embracing Hope</u> with Courtney Ellis. This is an invitation into simple, gentle, creative spiritual practices that encourage our hearts as we seek to live with open hands. Whether you're holding the weight of grief, seeking to lead well through uncertain days, or just eager for a fresh encounter with the Spirit, Ellis is a wise and soulful guide. **Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1pm-2pm** Go to <a href="https://nccumc.org/leadership/looking-up-acknowledging-grief-embracing-hope/">https://nccumc.org/leadership/looking-up-acknowledging-grief-embracing-hope/</a> to register

Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at <u>laurelparker@charter.net</u> or (919) 271-0963

<u>AND</u> Mavis Harper at <u>mavisharper1944@gmail.com</u> or (919) 770-0489.

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

#### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Sherry Baucom	Ron Hartman	Maxine McLeod	Kyle Smith	
Lucas Bell	Beth Hedging	Foster McNeill	Kenneth Spivey	
Vicke & Randy Buchanan	Mark Hickman	Rhonda McNeill	Lisa Stafford	
Joey Campbell	Jimmy Holt	Mike Phillips	Hilton Stewart	
Kristie Casterlin	Teresa Ingram	Susie Pierce	Denny Summers	
Congregational Unity	Ann Jackson	Helen Rogers	Joyce Key Thomas	
Jayden Cockran	Evan & Leslie Johnson	Family of Betty Rosser	United Methodist Church	
Jimmy Clifton	Nancy Johnson	Anna Sanfilippo	United States of America	
James Dean	Tom Kirby	Shirley Salmon	Pam Vaughan	
Linda Dilley	Charles Maddox	Richard Saucier	Ruth Watson	
Abby Faulkerson	Maude Maloney	Ron & Peggy Scott	Jimmy Womack	
LeeAnn Finicum	Ann McLeod	Becky Seymour		

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings Attendance 3/17/24 93

Tithes & Offerings as of: 03/17/2024				
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$	40,678.49		
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$	66,722.47		
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$	26,043.98		

#### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

Mar	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
24	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Krystle Ray	Doug Currin	Richard Angel Pat Angel	Marian Huepper Marcia Garcia	
31	Paisley Kilmer Teagon Kilmer	Stacey Burris	Gary Maddox	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter	
Apr 7	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Gillian Hubley	Drew Burris	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	Crystal Burichin Gail Thomas Travis Thomas	Rev. Sue Job Don Job Deb Callodonato George Orlovsky
14	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Inge Hersman	Greg Vorholt Gary Maddox	Doug Currin Crystal Burichin	
21	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Dan Wissinger Melanie Wissinger	