

Reception of new members

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Greg and Marcia Garcia
Wayne and Linda Stack
Greg and Cindy Vorholt

Congregational response

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that in everything God made be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn *“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”* # 581

† Benediction

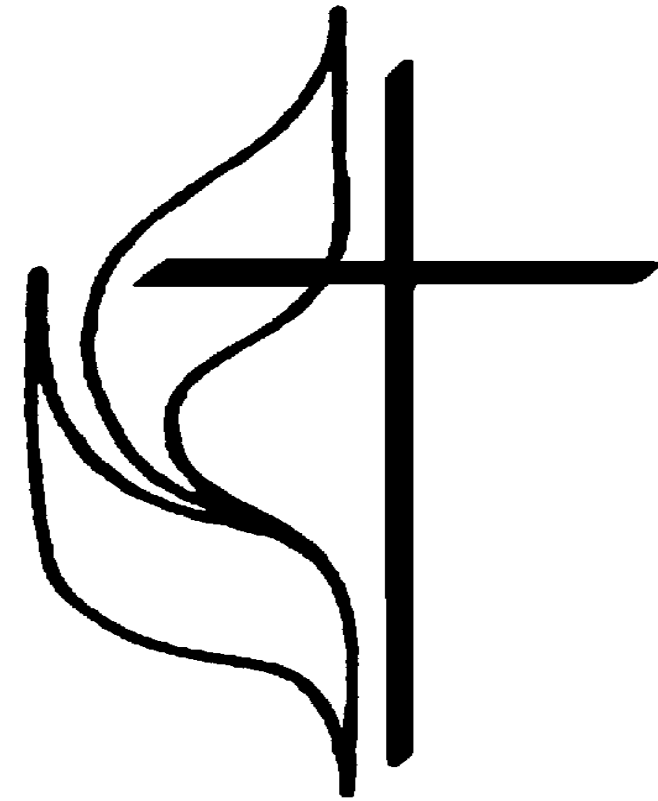
† Postlude

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



Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

---Percy Dreamer, 1931



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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

Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
September 10, 2023 9:30 AM

The gospel lesson from Matthew gives guidance for how to live faithfully in the midst of community. The people of God are called to authentic listening, honest candor, and empathy.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Give Me Thy Heart" and "I Gave My Life for Thee." **Leslie Orlovsky**
Arr. arranged by Ethel Tench Rogers:

Choral Praise "Kum Ba Ya" **Choir**

† **Call to Worship**

Let the Lord open our lips,
And we will sing praise to the Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Glory be to Jesus, the Christ, our living Lord.
We call His walls our salvation, and we shout praise at His gates.

We'll sing it 'til our final rest:
Father, Son, and Spirit be blest.

† **Opening Prayer**

O Lord and Master of our common life, give us not a spirit of sloth, a lust for power and idle talk. Give to your servants humility, patience, and the love of a listening ear. Grant us eyes to see our own faults, and hearts to never condemn our sisters and brothers. Blessed are you from ages to eternal ages. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" **# 64**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson **Psalm 149** **Steve Huepper**

Anthem "We Have Come into His House" **Choir**

Children's Lesson
† **Gospel Lesson** **Matthew 18:15-20**

Sermon "Conflict Resolution" **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

Free us, Lord Jesus, from the hurt of holding onto anger and contempt for others in this fellowship divine. Keep us from fighting back when we feel we've been wronged. Give us ears to listen, instead. Even though we rebel against your way of seeking out the other one in a dispute, send us your Spirit of endurance on the way to be reconciled in your name. Amen.

† **Hymn** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" **# 557**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Glory to God, Amen!

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology** **# 95**

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – September 10, 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 School
Tuesday 9/12	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	NEW DAY: Choir Practice – all are welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Homecoming Sunday will be September 24. After the worship service, we’ll enjoy a covered-dish lunch in the fellowship hall. All are invited to celebrate the ministry of Morris Chapel past and present, and bring friends, family, and neighbors with you.

Do You Love Children? Then perhaps you can assist with the Children’s Messages - we need 2-4 more interested and caring volunteers to round out the schedule for delivery of the Children’s Messages. If we get 2-4 new volunteers, each person will have one presentation per month. Please pray about this..... then contact either Mavis Harper, Laurel Parker or Pastor Kevin regarding your decision to assist. Thank you!

New Bible Study! Starting TODAY **Sept. 10th, 11:00 to 12:00! Searching Scripture for Christian Living offers a study on Christian Attributes. 7 consecutive weeks. Scripture readings, discussion & sharing. Email, call or text Laurel Parker (919) 271-0963 if you plan to attend!**

Providing Flowers for Church Please **SIGN UP** on the Flower Calendar posted on the 1st bulletin board (left side) in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to text or email the bulletin preparers giving the reason for the flowers so an announcement notice can be added to the bulletin. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Fellowship Dinner - Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Fill out the insert in the bulletin and place it in the offertory plate. We hope to see you!

Media Sunday School Class: The Media Class is collecting items to be distributed to the children at Broadway Elementary School. If you would like to donate to this cause, please place your donations in the Media Class in the Fellowship Hall. Items needed: Glue, #2 pencils, large bottles of hand sanitizer, and sanitized wipes. Thank you!!

Tithes and Offerings: Your generous giving to the church reflects your thankfulness for a generous and merciful God. All are encouraged to continue giving on Sunday’s during worship, online at www.morrischapel.org, or by mailing in your financial gifts. “Each of you must give as

you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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.

VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept	Acolytes	Children’s Message	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
10	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Krystle Ray	Walt Hersman Doug Currin	Doug Currin Mavis Harper	
17	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	Jack Harper Wayne Stack	Gail/Travis Thomas Crystal Burichin	
24	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Melvin Rosser Donnie Carter	Doug Currin Connie Currin	
Oct 1	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	Daniel Baker Drew Burris	Gary Rosser Karen Rosser	Kevin & Manuela Seymour Gary Maddox Donna Maddox
8	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Danny Baker Bryson Baker	Donna Maddox Krystle Ray	

The Fellowship Committee is providing after service treats. Thank you!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jim & Linda Adcock Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings Kristie Casterlin Bee Chapman Congregational Unity Jeanette Cox Shelton Crutchfield Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Family of Delbert Hill Bob & Laura Holder	Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Family of Bob Kennedy Tom Kirby Diane Ludwig Gary Maddox Maude Maloney Maui disaster Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill	Sandra Norris Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Milton & Betty Rosser Ron & Peggy Scott Cynthia Spivey Joyce Key Thomas Wilma Truelove United Methodist Church United States of America Flossie Wilt Bob & Sandy Woolston World Wheat of Ukraine
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