

Sharing our prayer concerns
Musical interlude
Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

- † Hymn *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”* **UMH No. 540**
- † Benediction
- † Postlude

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



In that great gettin’-up mornin’, fare thee well. Stop and let me tell you about the comin’
of the Savior. God’s gonna up and speak to Gabriel.
Run and look behind the altar.
Then the time shall be no longer, for the judgment day is comin’.
Now pick up your silver trumpet, blow your trumpet, Gabriel.
Lord, how long shall I blow it? Blow it so my people know it.
Then you’ll see the coffins burstin’, see the dry-bones come a–creepin’.
Hell shall be uncapped and burnin’ and the dragon shall be loosened.
Then you’ll see the moon a-bleedin’, you will see the stars a-fallin’.
Then you’ll see the sinner saying, down I’m rollin’, down I’m rollin’.

But the righteous will be marchin’
and the Christians will be risin’, marchin’ to their home in heaven,
marchin’ to their home with Jesus.

~a traditional spiritual~



THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

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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

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Both scripture lessons today portray the people of God grumbling against God. In Exodus, the Israelites have been released from slavery, but in the desert wilderness, they long for the security and routine of their life in Egypt. In Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, each of whom is paid the same daily wage despite having worked a different number of hours. In both Exodus and Matthew, the frustration of God’s people is met with God’s generosity and provision, as God rains manna on the Israelites and reminds the laborers that their anger grows out of his generosity, not any injustice they themselves have received.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude

“O Rest in the Lord”

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

“God is So Good”

† Call to Worship

Loyda Sykes

Great is our God and King.
We praise the maker of heaven and earth.

Glory be to Christ our Lord.
There is no end to his healing grace.

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

† Prayer

Gracious God, whose ways are not our ways, we seek your truth. Let your word become such a part of us that our lives may become worthy of the gospel of Christ. Grant us opportunities to share good news and gratitude to respond generously to all who seek our help. Amen.

† Hymn

“For the Healing of the Nations”

UMH No. 428

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15 Pew Bible p. 62 OT

Blair Pace

Anthem

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Children’s Lesson

Rylee Ray

† Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16 Pew Bible p. 21 NT

Sermon

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn of Response

“O Spirit of the Living God”

UMH No. 539

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of God’s tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

UMH No. 70

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen, Amen.



MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVE GOD, FOLLOW JESUS, & SERVE OTHERS

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday –Worship Service @ 930 AM; Fellowship Time & Sunday School, 10:45.

Monday – Church Council, 7 PM.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study, 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

Waffle Breakfast, September 27.

After the worship service, we'll enjoy a time together around the table with the special delight of waffles, bacon, and fruit.

The waffles will be hot and ready to eat and allow you time afterwards for Sunday School.



Upcoming

Sunday October 4 – bring non-perishable foods & seasonings for the Food Pantry; Christmas Play Practice, 10:45 AM; Charge Conference, 2 PM.

Wednesday, October 7 – Children & Youth Night, 6 PM.

Mission and Vision

OUR MISSION: Love God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others.

OUR VISION to live out this mission will be seen when we:

Invite others into the life divine alongside us;

Welcome one another in the name of Christ;

Equip the baptized for the work of ministry through teaching and practice;

Send forth all who have been fed to do God's good work in the world.

Did you know?

One of the biggest reasons a person will decide to attend worship is because they've been INVITED by someone they know.

You will find our church calendar at www.morrischapelumc.org/events

“We allow, it is the work of God alone to justify, to sanctify, and to glorify; which three comprehend the whole of salvation.” – *John Wesley*

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Steve Jurisich, Ting Baucom, Clarence Edwards, Drew McDonald, Richard Porter, Marla Stewart, Tommy Hickman, Judy Sharpe, Amy & James O'Hara.

Family of Daisy McLeod.

Alexis Cline Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Daniels Brian Dinkins	Libby Hubbard Warren Lewis Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce	Melvin Rosser Phil Spivey Marilyn Stevens Denny Summers	Shelby Truelove Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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Attendance last Sunday: 67

Tithes & Offerings as of 09/06/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 4,075.92

You may support the ministries of Morris Chapel by giving online at
www.morrischapelumc.org/giveplus

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lectors	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters
Sept. 20	Ellie Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Rylee Ray	Blair Pace	Loyda Sykes	Jake Wissinger Dan Wissinger	Donnie Carter
Sept. 27	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Kevin Seymour	Bryson Baker		Justin Ray JC Ray	Crystal Burichin
Oct. 4	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Manuela Seymour	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Gail Thomas
Oct. 11	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Calleigh Baker	George Orlovsky		Crystal Burichin Travis Thomas	Janice Holder
Oct. 18	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Inge Hersman	Jake Wissinger Dan Wissinger	Linda Dille
Oct. 25	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Rylee Ray	Leslie Orlovsky		Todd Pace Nash Pace	Carl Sykes