Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† Doxology #95

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" # 133

- † Benediction
- † Postlude

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



Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer; Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, amen. —*Michael Dennis Browne*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

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The Rev. Sunny B. Limm Fairway District Superintendent

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A Service of the Word

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2023 9:30 AM

This morning we celebrate Reformation Sunday and remember the faithful men and women who have lived and proclaimed the Gospel throughout the ages. The apostle Paul teaches that all who by grace receive faith in Jesus Christ will be saved through his atoning sacrifice on the cross.

In today's lesson from Deuteronomy, Moses, who led the Israelites for forty years in the wilderness, dies before entering the promised land. In the gospel lesson from Matthew, Jesus emphasizes that the greatest commandments are, first, to love God, and second, to love your neighbor as yourself. In this proclamation, Jesus makes clear that such love is connected—you cannot properly love God without loving your neighbor.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" Leslie Orlovsky

by Samuel S. Weslley arr. by Rick Parks

Choral Praise "Love the Lord Your God" Choir

† Call to Worship Psalm 29

O give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and power; give to the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The voice of the Lord echoes over the waters.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of the waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendor.

The voice of the Lord echoes over the waters.

The Lord will give strength to his people, the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!

† Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we confess that we find it difficult to trust in your promise. We don't like the idea of not knowing what success will look like, or what your blessing for us will ultimately bring. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from doubts and fears. We confess that we too often want sure things in life from you, forgetting that life with you is more than we could ever earn or expect. For your kingdom on earth, we pray, that we may see it with your eyes, and work for the glory of your name until the day of your coming. **Amen**.

† Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 6:4-9 George Orlovsky

Anthem "Thou Shalt Love" Choir

Children's Lesson Krystle Ray

† Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon "What Love Looks Like" Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

† Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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Today's Hymn of Response is sung in remembrance of Martin Luther, who posted his 95 Theses on the church-house door in Wittenberg on All Hallow's Eve (Oct. 31) in 1517 to spark the Protestant Reformation.

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!

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – October 29, 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 Livest	tream
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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>Accessing Sunday Sermons</u> is as easy as going to this link: https://www.morrischapelumc.org/sermons! Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion!

<u>CANNED FOOD DRIVE</u> – All are invited to bring canned foods **next Sunday** (**Nov. 5**) to relieve hunger among our neighbors. Our collection box will be placed in the Narthex, and the goods will then be delivered to the Food Pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church. Please, no glass containers....

<u>All Saints Day</u> will be *next Sunday*, Nov. 5. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, and would like to light a candle to celebrate their life and honor them, please contact Karen Rosser at (919) 258-3270 corrected phone # to have their name added to the list. Thank you.

<u>Toys for Tots!</u> Please bring your <u>new, unwrapped</u> toys to church and deposit them in the big boxes in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. The LAST DAY for bringing toys is Sunday, Dec. 3rd! Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

<u>The Fellowship Committee</u> is having a **Thanksgiving dinner** with all the trimmings on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 8</u> from 5:00PM-6:30PM. The Sign-Up sheet is included in the bulletin. Please let us know ASAP so we have plenty of time to purchase and prepare the food for this meal.

<u>Christmas Cantata Practice</u> Please consider joining the choir for the Christmas Cantata. Practice has started on Wednesdays from 7-7:35. It is *not too late* to join in! Come, raise your voice in praise of our Holy God!

<u>Fellowship Time After Church</u> Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The Fellowship Committee provides refreshments one Sunday per month. All other Sundays are for general congregation sign-up. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall, right wall next to the counter. See the white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do so let's keep this time of fellowship going!

<u>Youth and Childrens Halloween Party</u> will be held TODAY Sunday, October 29 – 3-5:00 in the Fellowship Hall! Hope to see all the children & their friends in attendance!!

<u>Do You Love Children</u>? 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!

<u>Coffee and drinks</u> will be provided today after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anna's surgery & Gino's	Family of Karen Cutler	Family of Floyd McGhee	Jack Sharpe
death – Manuela's friends	Family of Richard Gillis	Ann McLeod	Nathaniel Smith
Family of Rev. Raymond	Ron Hartman	Maxine McLeod	Chris Spivey
Atkins	Ron Height	Rhonda McNeill	Cynthia Spivey
Sherry Baucom	Connie Hickman	Middle East atrocities	Family of Joann Thomas
Maryann Bell	Bob & Laura Holder	Sandra Norris	Joyce Key Thomas
Rick Billings	Mary Hudson	Michael Novak	Kelly Thomas
William Black	Teresa Ingram	Peace on earth	Wilma Truelove
Richard & Amanda Campbell	Evan Johnson	Susie Pierce	United Methodist Church
Kristie Casterlin	Nancy Johnson	Danielle Rahko	United States of America
Bee Chapman	Family of Charles Kennedy	Janie Ray	Pam Vaughan
Congregational Unity	Tom Kirby	Angelene Rosser	Sandy Woolston
Shelton Crutchfield	Jeff Ludewig	Milton & Betty Rosser	Debra Underwood
Greg Garcia	Maude Maloney	Ron & Peggy Scott	

LAST SUNDAY – Oct. 22

Attendance 76 Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you; Tithes & Offerings \$1,843.00 Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Weekly Goal \$3,696.63 Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.

(Psalm 102:1-2)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Oct.	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
29	Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter	Scott Anderson	
	Ian Carter			Ian Carter	Emma Anderson	
Nov	Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Manuela Seymour	Jack Harper	Jack Harper	Kevin Seymour
5	Rylee Ray			Danny Baker	Mavis Harper	Manuela Seymour
						Jack Harper
						Laurel Parker
12	Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Tommy Vaughan	Drew Burris	Carolyn Saucier	
	JC Ray			Gary Maddox	Marian Huepper	
19	Ian Carter	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Gary Rosser	Donnie Carter	
	Calleigh Baker			Daniel Baker	Sandra Carter	
26	Bryson Baker	Richard Angel	Peggy Baker	Ron Mercer	Crystal Burichin	
	Jase Burris			George Orlovsky	Gail/Travis	
					Thomas	