

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

# 557

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

I am the church! You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
yes, we're the church together!

The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple.  
The Church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people!

*---Richard K. Avery, 1972*

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The end of summer is here and so it's time for new opportunities to grow in our faith in God and revive our desire to serve others. It's time to head back to church, and as we connect with each other, let's invite someone to join us on the life-changing journey of discipleship and ministry.



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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**  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
August 27, 2023 9:30 AM

Psalm 124 gives thanks and praise to God protection, while the people of God ask where we'd be if not for the presence of the Lord. The Apostle Paul writes to the Christians in Rome about the benefits of Christian community, urging them to change their way of thinking about the world, and to give themselves completely to the way of Christ.

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Ringing the Church bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** "I Need Thee Every Hour" by Robert Lowry, arr. by **Leslie Orlovsky**  
Dennis R. Johnson.

† **Call to Worship** *from UMH No. 101*

From all that dwells below the skies,  
**Let God the Father's praise arise.**

Through every land and every tongue,  
**Let Christ the redeemer's name be sung.**

To Trinity now our voices raise,  
**And fill the world with loudest praise. Amen!**

† **Opening Prayer**

Lord Jesus, give us eyes to see the new reality you began in your resurrection. Forgive us for conforming to the ways of the world rather than submit ourselves to being transformed by your Spirit working in us. Give us grace and give us strength to be non-conformists for the sake of following you. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* # 66

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Psalter Lesson**

**Psalm 124**

**Drew Burris**

**Anthem**

**Children's Lesson**

**Kevin Seymour**

**New Testament Lesson**

**Romans 12:1-8**

**Sermon**

*"Shoulder to Shoulder"*

**Kevin Seymour**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Prayer of Response**

† **Hymn** *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"* # 712

**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

**Prayer for teachers and students**

**Lord Jesus Christ, long ago you were a teacher in your homeland of Galilee. In light of your brilliant example, we remember teachers who have shaped us up into who we are. We pray for all who teach and for all those who will learn under their care. We pray that teaching and learning may be done in safety. Lord Jesus, bend your ear and hear our prayer, for coaches, teachers, and students. Amen.**

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – August 20, 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  
 Tuesdays 7:00 pm Choir Practice – all are welcome (starts up in Sept)  
 Thursday 10:00 am Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Kevin Seymour

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Attn: All Committee Heads:** Each Chair needs to turn in their budget request for 2024 to Sandra Carter, Finance Chair. Work will begin on next year’s budget shortly to prepare for Annual Conference.

**SAVE THE DATE** – September 24. Morris Chapel will be celebrating Homecoming Sunday. Stay tuned for more details. ALL are invited, and bring a friend.

**The Morris Chapel United Methodist Church Men's Group** will be meeting at the Fellowship Hall on 9/6/23 at 7pm. We need help from the men of the church to plan for this and next year. Any questions or ideas please contact [gregvorholt@yahoo.com](mailto:gregvorholt@yahoo.com)

**New Bible Study!** Starting Sunday **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Sympathy cards:** Otto Hardt, 2973 Deepwoods Dr. Apt 3201, Burlington, NC, 27215.

**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](http://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](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963 **AND** Mavis Harper at [mavisharper1944@gmail.com](mailto:mavisharper1944@gmail.com) or (919) 770-0489.

**VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Aug.	Acolytes	Children’s Message	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
<b>27</b>	Jase Burris Calleigh Baker	Kevin Seymour	Ron Mercer Richard Angel	Morgan Baker Stacey Burris	
<b>Sept 3</b>	Bryson Baker Jason Little	Richard Angel	Greg Vorholt Hank Richards	Wayne Stack Linda Stack	
<b>10</b>	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Kevin Seymour	Walt Hersman Danny Baker	Doug Currin Linda Dilley	Doug Currin Tommy Vaughan Kevin Seymour George Orlovsky
<b>17</b>	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Krystle Ray	Jack Harper Wayne Stack	Gail/Travis Thomas Crystal Burichin	
<b>24</b>	Bryson Baker Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Hank Richards Donnie Carter	Richard Angel Pat Angel	

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jim & Linda Adcock Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell <b>Rick Billings</b> Kristie Casterlin Bee Chapman Congregational Unity Jeannette Cox Family of Greg Fross <b>Family of Betty Hardt</b> Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Delbert Hill Bob & Laura Holder	Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Bob & Peggy Kennedy Tom Kirby Diane Ludwig Gary Maddox Maude Maloney <b>Maui disaster</b> Ann McLeod <b>Maxine McLeod</b> <b>Rhonda McNeill</b> Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Family of Clayton Rosser	Milton & Betty Rosser Ron & Peggy Scott Jana Soward <b>Cynthia Spivey</b> Fred Spivey Lee Stetzer Joey Stuart Carthy Thomas Joyce Key Thomas <b>Wilma Truelove</b> United Methodist Church United States of America Flossie Wilt Bob & Sandy Woolston World Wheat of Ukraine
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