

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

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† **Benediction**

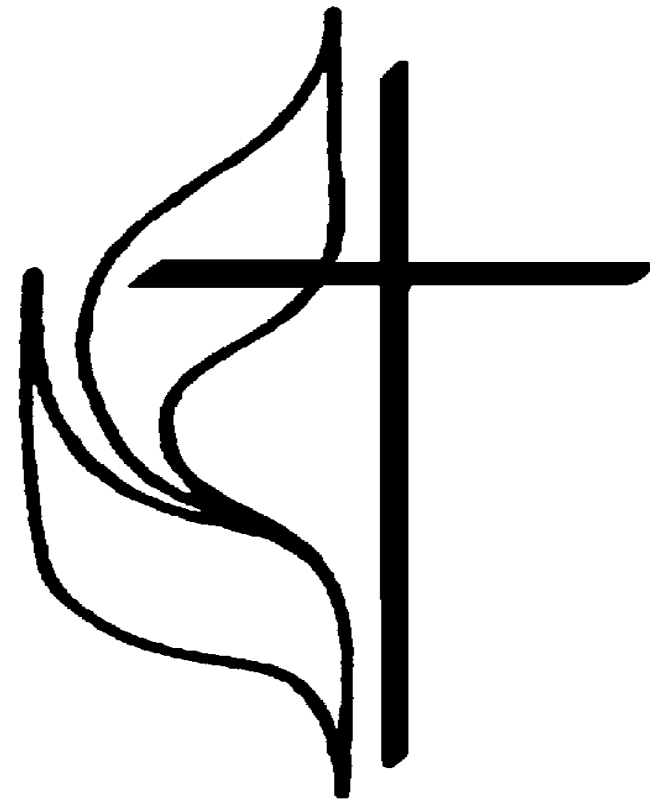
† **Postlude**

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



Christ has no body now on earth but yours: no hands but yours; no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks into the world. Yours are
the feet on which he is to go about doing good. And yours are the hands with which he
is to bless us now.

— *Teresa of Avila*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 AM

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Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
September 17, 2023 9:30 AM

From the Book of Genesis, we hear how the failing of human violence and retribution began to multiply. Lamech, who, for a mere wound done to him, sought out merciless revenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches Peter that the virtue of forgiveness is not a matter of scorekeeping.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Great is Thy Faithfulness" **Leslie Orlovsky**
by William M. Runyan, arr. by Tim Doran.

Choral Praise "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

† **Call to Worship**

Praise we Father God, maker of heaven and earth.
Praise God for the earth and sea and sky.

Praise we God the Son, the savior of our souls.
Praise be to King Jesus; by his stripes we are healed.

Praise we now God's own Spirit.
We'll sing it 'til our final rest: Father, Son, and Spirit be blest.

† **Opening Prayer**

Merciful Christ, we praise You that You did not come to us with words of condemnation and censure that we deserve, but with words of mercy and loving embrace that we did not deserve. Time and again, when we erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep, You responded by seeking, finding, and welcoming us back. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" # 89

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson **Genesis 4:23-24** **Manuela Seymour**

Anthem "I Then Shall Live"

Children's Lesson **Richard Angel**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Matthew 18:21-22**

Sermon "Peter's Miscalculation" **Kevin Seymour**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

Forgiving God, we, who find it hard to forgive, seek understanding of Your good purposes at work, even in the face of evil. Keep us from judging others or nursing grudges, that we would extend to all the patience that You have shown toward us. Remove the self-righteous limits we impose when pardoning others, for Your grace toward us has far exceeded our deserving. Amen.

† **Hymn** "O How I Love Jesus" # 170

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 17, 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	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	NEW DAY: Choir Practice – all are welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today’s Altar Flowers are given by Lou Millar and Gillian Hubley in remembrance of Arlene Millar, wife and mother.

Reminder: Church Council Meeting tomorrow evening 7:00. All Committee Chairs should try to attend. Thank you.

Homecoming Sunday is NEXT Sunday! After the worship service, we’ll enjoy a covered-dish lunch (potluck) in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share! All are invited to celebrate the ministry of Morris Chapel past and present, and bring friends, family, and neighbors with you. We’ll also have for sale: History Books (\$25) Pen & Ink print of church (\$30).

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. With 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!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER – The Methodist Men are back in action and will host a dinner on October 20 from 6 – 8 PM. Tickets will be available. \$8.00 for adults, 12 & under \$5.00.

Providing Flowers for Church Please SIGN UP on the Flower Calendar posted on the 1st bulletin board (left side) in the Fellowship Hall, then text or email the bulletin preparers giving the reason for the flowers so an announcement notice can be added to the bulletin. 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
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	
15	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Danny Baker Peggy Baker	

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jim & Linda Adcock Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings William Black Kristie Casterlin Chapel Hill community Bee Chapman Congregational Unity Jeanette Cox Shelton Crutchfield Barryman Hall Ron Hartman Ron Height Connie Hickman Bob & Laura Holder	Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Tom Kirby Diane Ludwig Gary Maddox Maude Maloney Moroccan earthquake victims Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Sandra Norris Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Ray Family	Milton & Betty Rosser Ron & Peggy Scott Cynthia Spivey Joyce Key Thomas Wilma Truelove United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Flossie Wilt Nick Wissinger-travels Bob & Sandy Woolston World Wheat of Ukraine Debra Underwood
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