

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

UMH No. 529

† Benediction

† Postlude

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

Praise the Lord in his sacred places, praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him for his mighty acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet, praise him with the sound of the harp.  
Praise him with the timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.  
Praise him with cymbals high-sounding, praise him with cymbals of joy.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. – *Psalm 150*



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

**The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton**

Raleigh Area Bishop

**The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour**

Pastor

**The Rev. Sunny B. Limm**

Fairway District Superintendent

# A Service of the Word

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 9:30 AM

In the time of King David, the ark of the covenant was the principal emblem of Israel's worship, heritage, and common life, and so the move of the ark to Jerusalem was cause for much celebration. Today's lesson from 2 Samuel recounts, "David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might." Not everyone looks kindly upon the celebration, including Michal, the daughter of Saul, who scolds David and remains barren for life as a result.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

† Choral Praise

*"Call It Home"*

Judy Spivey

Gerry Ellis

† Call to Worship

*from The Faith We Sing #2009*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
**and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;**

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
**at blessings without number and mercies without end:**

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
**we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

† Prayer

In Thy holy rhythm, we seek the discipline of a dancer, Lord. Bestow upon us the fortitude to persist, the dedication to endure every beat in tune with Your sacred cadence. Sway us not from our path; guide our steps amidst the swirls of life's ballet. Enkindle in us an enduring flame of discipline, that we may dance for You in an everlasting performance of devotional harmony. **Amen.**

† Hymn

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

UMH No. 66

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 24

Manuela Seymour

Anthem

*"Oh What a Savior"*

Gerry Ellis

Children's Lesson

Krystle Ray

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 6:1-5; 12b-19

Sermon

*"A Story Worth Celebrating"*

Kevin Seymour

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

† Hymn

*"Lord of the Dance"*

UMH No. 261

† Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

† Sharing 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

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – July 14, 2024**

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you have come to join us for this time of worship. Morris Chapel welcomes all who seek a church home, all who desire to connect with God and the people of God, and all who seek relief from life's burdens. We invite you to take notice of the opportunities to explore the faith, and to walk alongside others in living out the faith of Jesus Christ.

**CALENDAR**

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Faith Formation Class - Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – <b>Choir will RESTART</b> in September!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**First Time Visitors!** 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.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY** starting on July 21, 11:00-11:45 Classroom #3! A 7-8 week study of the General Letters: James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John and Jude. You will be reminded and encouraged in living your life for Christ.. Class size is limited to 10-12 so please inform Laurel Parker of your interest ASAP! Text to (919)271-0963 or email [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net). Hope to see you soon! Bring your Bibles!

**Proper Appreciation:** The music shared here in our worship services is praise to God instead of entertainment, so please refrain from applause. A hearty *Amen* works fine, but clapping and so forth makes the musicians and other worshippers uncomfortable. Thank you for understanding.

**Church Council Meeting** is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All church members may attend to hear the council conduct the business meeting. Council Members, please review last meeting prior notes emailed to you already. This review will save time. Thank you and hope all can attend.

**Morris Chapel Scholarship** "Give a Kid a Chance" tournament is August 3rd at Sanford Golf Course. Anyone wishing to form a team and play please let Danny Baker or Sandra Carter know. The Tournament fills up fast. Hole sponsorship is \$100.00 and entry fee is \$80.00 per player.

**Methodist Men** will NOT be meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 8 in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm.

**Breaker Rock Beach VBS:** Learning God's rock-solid truth in a world of shifting sands! **NEW DATE: July 29-31** 6:00-8:30. Dinner and snacks will be provided. Safe Sanctuary Trained volunteers are needed to help with the Bible School. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to assist with decorating, providing snacks, serving as a Group Leader or leading a session for crafts, music and games. Please reach out to Krystle Ray if interested. (919) 499-8207 or [khockray99@hotmail.com](mailto:khockray99@hotmail.com).

**Pastor's Tuesday Bible Study** also known as “Faith Formation Class” is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Class starts at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see...Our group is growing...

**The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar** is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. **Committee Chairs**, please enter all meetings scheduled for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers by Wednesday morning what you wish to have listed. Thanks!

**Easy Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons** is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your devotion. <https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

**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.**

**PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

<b>Ray Adcock family</b> <b>America</b> Family of Ryder Bigelow Debbie Bryan <b>Jimmy Cameron</b> Richard Campbell	Peggy Danielsen <b>Pat Davis</b> <b>Merritt Foushee</b> Greg & Marcia Garcia <b>Dennis Hartman</b> Amanda Johnson Evan & Leslie Johnson	Maude Maloney Jean Manchester Ann McLeod Rhonda McNeill Susie Pierce <b>Jeff Radford</b>	Family of Helen Rogers Ron & Peggy Scott Becky Seymour Joyce Key Thomas United Methodist Church <b>Pam Vaughan</b>
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**Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings**      Attendance 7/7/24    **72**

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings as of: 07/07/2024</b>	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 99,847.19
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 127,925.75
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 28,078.56

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**Worship Volunteers--** you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot.

Call Worship Chair Peggy Baker at 919-935-1600 if you have questions or issues. Thank you.

July	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
14	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Manuela Seymour Gail Carucci	
21	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Doug Currin George Orlovsky	Gary Maddox George Orlovsky	
28	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Gillian Hubley	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	Terrena Shelton Danny Baker	
Aug 4	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Richard Angel	Peggy Baker	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper
11	Bryson Baker JC Ray	Krystle Ray	Isabelle Sturgill	Richard Angel Wayne Stack	Drew Burris Laurel Parker	

**After Worship Treats are provided by Jeanette Cox. Thank you!**