

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

OLD 100th

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

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world, The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

† **Hymn** *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* **UMH No. 269**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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



*"When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.
—New England Psalm Singer (1770)*



JESUS CALLS LAZARUS OUT OF THE GRAVE

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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

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Christians believe in the power of God to breathe life into places of death. The scripture lessons today testify to God's transformative power. In Ezekiel, the people of Israel are grieving. Jerusalem has fallen, and they feel hopeless in the face of death. But the passage of the dry bones is God's promise that they will be restored—the skeletons will take on flesh and be brought to health and vigor.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude *"On the Cross of Calvary"* Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise *"Make Us One"* Choir

† Call to Worship

Hope in the Lord, O people of God!

With the Lord is the great power to redeem.

Sister Martha was bound up with despair. She had no hope.

Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again."

Lazarus lay in the stink of four days' death.

Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!"

Breathe on us, breath of God.

Fill us with life anew.

O Holy Spirit, blow your sweet wind.

Raise our bones from the valley of despair.

We'll sing it 'til our final rest: Father, Son, and Spirit be blessed.

† Prayer

Lord Jesus, come and visit us in our valley of dry bones. We need you to create a new and right spirit within us. Take us with you from joy to sorrow, from hope to despair, from death to life. Call us with a loud shout. And as you did for sisters Mary and Martha, turn our tears of sadness into tears of joy. Let us walk in the way where true joy is found, and let there be a sweet, sweet spirit in this place.
Amen.

† Hymn *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* UMH No. 92

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14 Leslie Orlovsky

Pew Bible p. 806 OT

Anthem *"Give Me Jesus"* Choir

Children's Lesson

† Gospel Lesson John 11:1-44 Pew Bible p.104 (NT)

Sermon *"Lazarus – The Rest of the Story"* Dominic Strug

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn *"Hymn of Promise"* UMH No. 707

† Affirmation of Faith *"The Nicene Creed"* UMH No. 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and `unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
~ I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" ~*

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday – Worship service @ 9:30 AM; Sunday School, 10:45.

Wednesday – Fellowship Dinner, 6 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM.

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

Therefore, our church will invite others to come and join us.

The church calendar is on our web site: www.morrischapelumc.org/events

Missions

Scholarship applications are now available.

Students recommended by a church member are encouraged to apply. Stop by the church office after worship to pick up an application. See Danny Baker or email him at db242248@gmail.com if you have questions.

Donations for Haven will be received throughout the month of March: cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products for men, women and children, blankets & towels. A table is set up in the Fellowship Hall. HAVEN HOUSE is committed to providing safety to victims and survivors of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault.

Your favorite Easter candy is now on sale.

Easter candy can be purchased through April 5 at \$5 per bag.
Proceeds will benefit the Methodist Home for Children.

Mar. 22-28, Family Promise Week. See Karen Rosser if you'd like to help.

April 5, Bring non-perishable foods and seasonings for the food pantry at Love Grove AME Zion Church.

Upcoming

March 29, Easter Egg Hunt.

April 1, Children & Youth Night @ 6 PM.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday (4/2) 7 PM @ Morris Chapel; Good Friday (4/3) 7 PM @ Broadway UMC.

Easter Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast @ 8 AM on Easter Sunday.

Easter Worship @ 9:30 AM will feature "Jesus is Alive" Cantata by the Morris Chapel Choir.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Aubrey Sherron, David Stout.
Family of Barbara Hester.

Pirjo Blosser Deb Callodonato Macy Carver Peggy Danielsen Dennis Hartman Lewis Hartman	Katie Garcia Hinson Baby Samson Hinson Nancy Johnson Mindy Wester Joosten Karen Kennedy Maude Maloney	Joe Martin Linda McNeill Rhonda McNeill Martha Meeks Callen Morris Susie Pierce	Ron & Peggy Scott Marilyn Stevens Phil Spivey Shelby Truelove Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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Send prayer requests & to Pastor Kevin @ 919-802-8286, kseymour@nccumc.org,
or use the yellow prayer card request found in your pew pocket.

Attendance last Sunday – 67

Tithes & Offerings: 03/15/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 2,408.92

Your gifts enable us to celebrate God's goodness in worship, make music that inspires hearts to follow Christ, and for us to reach out with compassion to relieve human suffering. We pray that others will get a taste of God's kingdom on earth. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

To whom much is given, much is required. Luke 12:48.

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
Mar. 22	Callen Morris Lincoln Brewer	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Crystal Burichin	
Mar. 29	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Kevin Seymour	Rylee Ray	Justin Ray JC Ray	Gail Thomas	
April 5	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Kevin Seymour		Drew Burriss Gary Rosser	Janice Holder	Gary Rosser Karen Rosser
April 12	Jase Burriss Cole Burriss	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Todd Pace Nash Pace	Linda Dilley	
April 19	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Manuela Seymour	Calleigh Baker	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	George Orlovsky	

You are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot.
If you have changes, let Pastor Kevin or Peggy Baker know.
Thank you for serving the good of God's church.