

The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour
Pastor

A Service of the Word

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Apostle Paul writes to the church at Colossae that Christians are to clothe themselves with virtue, not least of all the grace of forgiving one another. When Jesus is asked a question the greatest of the laws, he replies that his followers will love God and love their neighbor.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling/Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

Choral Praise *"God is So God"* Choir

† Call to Worship

Let the Lord open our lips.
And we will sing praise to the Almighty, the creator of heaven and earth.

Glory be to Christ the Lord.
We call his walls salvation, and we shout praise at his gates.

Sing praise to the Holy Spirit.
His power parted the Sea, and set the people free.

Blessed is the Holy Trinity.
And of His kingdom there is no end.

† Prayer *Ephrem the Syrian (4th century)*

O Lord and Master of our common life, give us not a spirit of sloth, a lust for power and idle talk. Give to your servants humility, patience, and love. Grant us eyes to see our own faults, and not to condemn our sisters and brothers. Blessed are you to ages of ages. **Amen.**

† Hymn *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* UMH No. 62
(verses 1, 4, 5)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

New Testament Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 Pew Bible p. 201 NT Inge Hersman

Anthem *"I Believe In a Hill Called Mt. Calvary"* Choir

Children's Lesson Stacey Burris

† Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:34-40 Pew Bible p. 25 NT

Sermon *"The Sign of the Cross"* Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Affirmation of Faith UMH No. 889

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

People:

The saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel.

Amen.

† Hymn of Response *"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"* UMH No. 581



MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVE GOD, FOLLOW JESUS, & SERVE OTHERS

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday –Worship Service @ 930 AM; Fellowship Time & Sunday School, 10:45.

Monday – PPRC meeting @ 6 PM; Finance @ 630 PM.

Tuesday – Pastor's Bible Study, 10 AM.

Wednesday – Choir Rehearsal, 630 PM.

Monday 9/21 – Church Council meets at 7 PM.

Waffle Breakfast, September 27.

After the worship service, we'll enjoy a time together around the table with the special delight of Waffles with all the fixings.



Back to School means Back to Church! As we head back to church, let's re-connect and never forget to invite others to join us on the life-changing journey of discipleship and ministry. 'Tis the season of commitment, and so new opportunities are here for us to grow in faith and loving service.

Mission and Vision

OUR MISSION: Love God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others.

OUR VISION to live out this mission will be seen when we:

Invite others into the life divine alongside us;

Welcome one another in the name of Christ;

Equip the baptized for the work of ministry through teaching and practice;

Send forth all who have been fed to do God's good work in the world.

Did you know?

One of the biggest reasons a person will decide to attend worship is because they've been INVITED by someone they know.

Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Warren Lewis.

Alexix Cline Debbie Cressio Mandy Dalrymple Peggy Danielsen Brian Dinkins	Libby Hubbard Al Martin Rhonda McNeill Billy Myrick Susie Pierce	Gregg Pulley Melvin Rosser Phil Spivey Marilyn Stevens	Denny Summers Shelby Truelove Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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Attendance last Sunday: 35

Tithes & Offerings as of 09/06/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 1,928.67

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For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lectors	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters
Sept. 13	Callen Morris Jase Burris	Stacey Burris	Inge Hersman		Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Marian Huepper
Sept. 20	Ellie Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Rylee Ray	Blair Pace	Loyda Sykes	Jake Wissinger Dan Wissinger	Donnie Carter
Sept. 27	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Kevin Seymour	Bryson Baker		Justin Ray JC Ray	Crystal Burichin
Oct. 4	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Manuela Seymour	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Gail Thomas
Oct. 11	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Calleigh Baker	Manuela Seymour		Crystal Burichin Travis Thomas	Janice Holder
Oct. 18	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Inge Hersman	Jake Wissinger Dan Wissinger	Linda Dille
Oct. 25	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Rylee Ray	Leslie Orlovsky		Todd Pace Nash Pace	Carl Sykes