

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” # 400

† **Benediction**

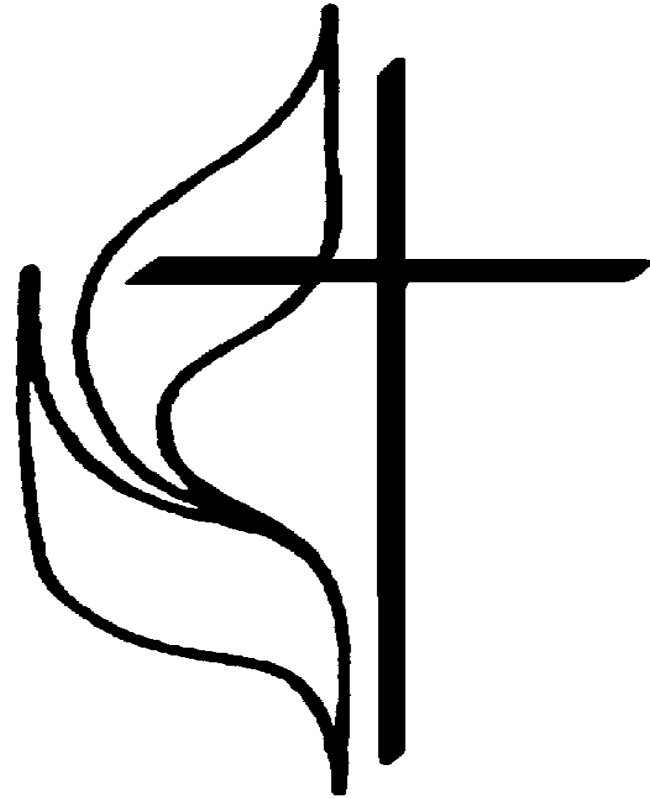
† **Postlude**

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



Christ is made the sure Foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one, Holy Sion's help forever, and her confidence alone. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody, God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

— a Latin hymn from the 7th century



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

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

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The Rev. Sunny B. Limm

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Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023 9:30 AM

The scripture lessons today from 1 Thessalonians and the gospel of Matthew, reveal tension and conflict between the values Jesus taught and those in places of power.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Arioso"* **Leslie Orlovsky**
by Johann Sebastian Bach arr. by Rick Parks

Choral Praise *"More Precious than Silver"* **Choir**

† **Call to Worship** (*"Canticle of the Holy Trinity"* #80)

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.

**We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you, Father everlasting.**

Sing praise to Jesus Christ, the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

**He overcame the sting of death, bought us with the price of his own blood,
opened the heavenly gates to all who believe in his name.
We praise his name forever.**

Sing praise to the Holy Spirit, our advocate and our guide.

**Holy, Holy, Holy, blessed be the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia and Amen!**

† **Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* **# 694**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Epistle Lesson **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** **Drew Burris**
Anthem *"Chosen"* **Choir**
Children's Lesson **Stacey Burris**

† **Gospel Lesson** **Matthew 22:15-22**
Sermon "Is Our Church Community Imitating Jesus?" **Sue Job**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Response

† **Hymn** *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"* **# 361**

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 – October 22, 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	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

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!

Accessing Sunday Sermons is as easy as going to this link: <https://www.morrischapelumc.org/sermons> ! Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion!

Thanks! SPAGHETTI SUPPER – Thanks to all who attended the Methodist Men’s dinner offering last Friday. The food was great and the fellowship even better! Thanks to those servant hands who worked to prepared the meal enjoyed by all. To God be the glory!

All Saints Day will be Nov. 5. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, and would like to light a candle to celebrate their life and honor them, please contact Karen Rosser at **(919) 258-3270 corrected phone #** to have their name added to the list. Thank you.

The Fellowship Committee is having a **Thanksgiving dinner** with all the trimmings on **Wednesday, November 8** from 5:00PM-6:30PM. The Sign-Up sheet is included in the bulletin. Please let us know ASAP so we have plenty of time to purchase and prepare the food for this meal.

Christmas Cantata Practice Please consider joining the choir for the Christmas Cantata. Practice has started on Wednesdays from 7-7:35. It is *not too late* to join in! Come, raise your voice in praise of our Holy God!

Fellowship Time After Church Please prayerfully consider signing up to provide refreshments after Church on Sunday mornings. The Fellowship Committee provides refreshments one Sunday per month. All other Sundays are for general congregation sign-up. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall, right wall next to the counter. See the white binder on the kitchen counter with ideas and what to do so let’s keep this time of fellowship going!

Youth and Childrens Halloween Party will be held next Sunday, October 29 – 3-5:00! See today’s insert for more information! Invite your friends!!

Do You Love Children? Then perhaps you will assist with the Children’s Messages?! We need 2-4 interested and caring volunteers to round out the monthly schedule. That would mean one message per month per volunteer. Please pray about this – then contact either Mavis Harper, Laurel Parker, or Pastor Kevin regarding your decision to assist. Thank you!

The Fellowship Committee will be providing delightful snacks and food today in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

*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.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Rick Billings William Black Richard & Amanda Campbell Kristie Casterlin Bee Chapman Congregational Unity Shelton Crutchfield Greg Garcia Richard Gillis Ron Hartman	Ron Height Connie Hickman Bob & Laura Holder Mary Hudson Teresa Ingram Evan Johnson Nancy Johnson Family of Charles Kennedy Tom Kirby Maude Maloney Family of Floyd McGhee Ann McLeod	Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Middle East conflict Sandra Norris Michael Novak Susie Pierce Danielle Rahko Ray Family Angelene Rosser Milton & Betty Rosser Ron & Peggy Scott	Jack Sharpe Nathaniel Smith Chris Spivey Cynthia Spivey Joann Thomas Joyce Key Thomas Wilma Truelove United Methodist Church United States of America Pam Vaughan Sandy Woolston Debra Underwood
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LAST SUNDAY – Oct. 15

Attendance 76
Tithes & Offerings \$2,652.50
Weekly Goal \$3,696.63

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100:4 – 5)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Oct.	Acolytes	Children’s Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
22	Calleigh Baker Jase Burris	Krystle Ray	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Marian Huepper Laurel Parker	
29	JC Ray Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Scott Anderson Emma Anderson	
Nov 5	Bryson Baker Ian Carter	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Jack Harper Danny Baker	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Jack Harper Laurel Parker
12	Calleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Richard Angel	Tommy Vaughan	Drew Burris Gary Maddox	Carolyn Saucier Marian Huepper	
19	Ian Carter Calleigh Baker	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Gary Rosser Daniel Baker	Donnie Carter Sandra Carter	