# Presentation of God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

† Doxology UMH No. 94

**Sharing our Prayer Concerns** 

**Holy Communion** 

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift then up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Unison)

Thank you God for this Holy meal and this Holy time, in this Holy place. Amen.

## **SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn "The Summons" TFWS No. 2130

† Benediction

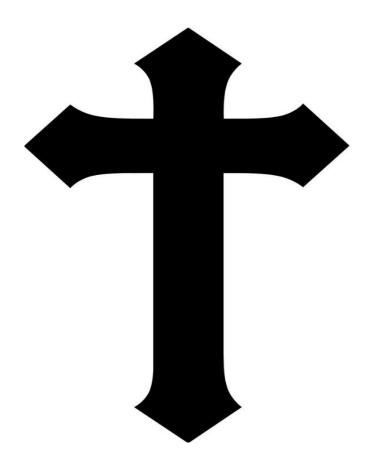
† Postlude

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



For your meditation: "You have one business on earth – to save souls." – John Wesley

Incorporated in the Prayer of Confession is a part of the Prayer "For Holiness of Heart" by Howard Thurman, UM Hymnal # 401, Permission to reprint. Some words in liturgy were taken from Thom Shuman Liturgies blogspot. Permission to reprint.



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# A Service of Word and Table Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 1, 2024 9:30 AM

Mark's gospel informs us that Jesus is the true shepherd of Israel who is in conflict with the religious authorities, the Scribes and Pharisees. They think Jesus is not a true religious teacher. The Scribes and Pharisees meticulously follow traditional rules of piety that were not given by God but determined by the Scribes' interpretations of God's laws. Jesus countercharges they are hypocrites who teach human traditions with a heart far from God. James also writes about hypocritical behavior. He contrasts the world's foolish religion that fails to control the tongue and deceive the heart with God's pure and undefiled religion that resists sin and reaches out to others in love.

## **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

Ringing the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "In the Upper Room" Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise "I Love You Lord" Men's Ensemble

† Call to Worship

- L: O give thanks to God and call on God's name.
- P: Sing to God, sing praises to God Almighty, tell of God's wonderful works.
- L: Make known God's deeds among the people!
- P: Walk straight, act right, tell the truth, don't hurt our friends, don't blame our neighbors. Be moral. They will know we are Christian by our actions of love.

# † **Opening Prayer** (Unison)

O God, you are our defender, the inspiration of all our songs of praise. Help us to realize afresh your living presence. Strengthen us to confess honestly to you our sins which are like briars in our souls, to acknowledge any hypocrisy in our lives, to receive your grace for change and transformation. Open to us your word which will be spoken this day. Let us drink at your Holy Table from the fruit of the vine which is ever sweet; and lead us into being a holy people, bearing for you the fruit of righteousness and justice through proclaiming the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise "Lift High the Cross" UMH No. 159

# **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Epistle Lesson James 1: 17-27 Gary Maddox

Anthem "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Men's Ensemble

Children's Lesson Richard Angel

† **Gospel Lesson** Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon "Stop It!" Rev. Lenora Sue Job

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Forgive us, O God, for the words that have come from our mouths that should not have been spoken; the deeds we have done that are displeasing to you, the immorality we have engaged in since committing our lives to you. We have harmed your witness by our actions that do not match our words. We have said things we ought not to have said and withheld praise and the proclamation of the good news of Christ to non-believers that should have been given. We ask for your mercy and grace to heal our brokenness. "Lord, we want to be more holy in our hearts. Here is the citadel of all our desiring, where our hopes are born and all the deep resolutions of our spirit take wings. In this center, our fears are nourished, and all our hates are nurtured. Here our loves are cherished and all the deep hungers of our spirit are honored without quivering and without shock. In our heart, above all else, let love and integrity envelop us until our love is perfected and the last vestige of our desiring is no longer in conflict with your Spirit. Lord, we want to be more holy in our hearts." Amen.

## **Assurance and Pardon**

- L: God's forgiveness is as everlasting as the ages.
- P: God's mercy is as wide as the seas.
- L: God will forgive our iniquities if we repent, turn, and follow Him.
- P: God will restore a right spirit within us. Amen.

† Hymn of Response "Spirit Song" UMH No. 347

## MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – September 1, 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 Livestre
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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 – Choir RESTARTS THIS Wednesday 9/4!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

<u>First Time Visitors!</u> 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.

<u>2024 Color Church Directories are Here!</u> Immediately after the service, come to the Heritage Room to receive your copy of the new Directory. Four people will distribute them and your name will be checked off as having received a copy (one per household). Sunday Sept. 8 will be an additional day of distribution. Thanks to everyone who participated!!

<u>Homecoming Sunday will be September 15</u>. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Beth Hood, Assistant to the Bishop. Please see the below announcement for more details on providing food!

<u>HOMECOMING IS TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY!</u> We're certain to have a large attendance to celebrate in worship and in fellowship with a fine meal. Your help is needed to "feed the 5,000" so plan to bring a meat (could be casserole) and 2 vegetables (could be salad or any side dish) plus dessert. Please consider that you're sharing with everyone, and so if you'll bring enough to feed your family then we're sure to have plenty all around. Thank you!

# School Supply Drive for Johnsonville & Greenwood:

<u>PENCILS</u>: #2, colored pencils, markers, crayons <u>GLUE</u>: Elmer's liquid glue, glue sticks <u>ERASERS</u>: eraser caps, eraser blocks. <u>PAPER</u>: one subject notebooks, *wide rule only*, composition notebooks (NO spiral)

<u>WISH LIST</u>: hand sanitizer, zip lock bags (gallon & sandwich), sticky note pads, expo dry erasers, copy paper, Kleenex, paper towels, baby wipes, individually wrapped candy, bleach wipes

(SEE the display table & collection in the Fellowship Hall.) Thanks to all who contribute!

*UMC Men's Meeting* will be on September 5th in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm.

<u>Safe Sanctuary Training Sept. 8 after Worship</u>. This is required every three years for those who participate in our children and adult ministry in any way. Training was held on February 26, 2023, and again on March 17, 2024. Those that did not attend one of those sessions are strongly encouraged to attend training on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. Our Safe Sanctuaries ministry is Morris Chapel's best shot at keeping safe the children in ministry with us, and so PPRC is working hard to make sure everyone receives training. Please contact Pastor Kevin or Sandra Carter to sign up.

<u>IMPORTANT - Requesting Announcements:</u> Please continue sending <u>ALL</u> announcements to Laurel & Mavis **AND** now to **our newest team member, <u>Cindy Vorholt.</u>** We are blessed by her joining us! Note her info below. Thanks.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Laity Courses Being Offered</u> during the fall quarter consist of Ministry of the Forgotten, Public Prayer, Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, Dancing with Words, and For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts. Please go to cle@nccumc.org for dates, locations and times of these courses.

# Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at <a href="mailto:laurelparker@charter.net">laurelparker@charter.net</a> or (919) 271-0963 \*\*\*NOTE: Additional New name for Announcements:\*\*\*

Cindy Vorholt at <u>cindy37040@yahoo.com</u> or (586) 601-5164 And Mavis Harper at <u>mavisharper1944@gmail.com</u> or (919) 770-0489.

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

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Debbie Bryan	Jeff Harrington	Ann McLeod	Ron & Peggy Scott
Richard Campbell	Jeff Hartman	Rhonda McNeill	Donna Sloan
Family of Randy Cox	Amanda Johnson	Ken Moss	Jackson Snipes
Peggy Danielsen	Ron LaJeuncsse	George Orlovsky	Jerry Tanner
Greg & Marcia Garcia	Diane Ludewig	Susie Pierce	Joyce Key Thomas
Malcolm Giknis	Mark Lovick	Lovick Valerie Robertino Pam Vaughan	
	Maude Maloney		

Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 8/18/24 **79** 

Tithes & Offerings as of: 08/25/2024							
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 125,733.50						
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 152,978.12						
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 27,244.62						

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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

Call Worship Chair Peggy Baker (919-935-1600) to report changes or if you have questions or issues. Thank you.

Sept	Acolytes	Children's	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeter	Communion
		Message				Servers
1	Jase Burris	Richard Angel	Gary Maddox	Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	Rev. Sue Job
	Cole Burris			lan Carter		Don Job
						George Orlovsky
						Isabelle Sturgill
8	Ian Carter		Inge Hersman	Ron Mercer	Crystal Burichin	
	Isabelle Sturgill			George Orlovsky		
15	Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	George Orlovsky	Bryson Baker	Gary Rosser	
	Calleigh Baker			Calleigh Baker		
22	JC Ray	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Gary Maddox	Gail Thomas	
	Bryson Baker			Wayne Stack		
29	Jason Morton	Gillian Hubley	Leslie Orlovsky	Danny Baker	Janice Holder	
	Calleigh Baker	,	,	Jason Morton		
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After Worship Birthday Cake is being provided by Barbara Lewis! Thank you!

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

1 Rhonda McNeill 4 Debbie Bryan 11 Isabelle Sturgill 22 Sandra Shope 2 Marcia Garcia 8 Stephanie Presnal 12 Larry Morris 19 Nic Wissinger 23 Callen Morris 20 Stephanie Green 2 Mavis Harper 10 Donnie Carter 15 Johnny Cox 27 Debbie Hubbard 10 Peggy Scott 2 Remington Kilmer 16 Kathy Guerrero 20 Alan Gurkin 27 Jerry Keith 3 Rebecca Coltrain 11 Marian Huepper 18 Beth Rosser 21 Patricia Degraffenreidt 30 Jean Manchester