

**Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings**

**Offertory**

† **Doxology**

**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.**

OLD HUNDRETH

**Holy Communion**

UMH No. 9

**Prayer following Communion**

**SENDING FORTH**

† **Hymn**

*“Jesus, United by Thy Grace”*  
verses 1, 4, 5

UMH No. 561

**\*\* Benediction**

† **Postlude**

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

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace. --by Cecil Spring-Rice



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 11:00 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 Word and Table

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024 9:30 AM

Psalms 97 shows us images of the rule of God – the lightnings that light up the world; righteousness and justice prevail over adversary, the ones who are consumed by holy fire on every side. In the gospel of John, Jesus has an earnest prayer that all his disciples will be one.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Ring the Church Bell

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude	<i>"Ave Verum" by W.A. Mozart</i>	Leslie Orlovsky
Choral Call to Worship	<i>"Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest"</i>	Steve Huepper

### † Call to Worship

Praise be to God the Father, maker of this glorious day!  
**God's love endures forever.**

Thanks be to Jesus Christ, the Lord of love and grace.  
**He reigns from everlasting to everlasting.**

Glory be to the Holy Spirit.  
**We worship you Holy Trinity. Alleluia and Amen!**

### † Opening Prayer

Glorious God, hear the cries of all who long to be a part of your great story. Remove our fears and our distorted understandings of others. Grant us, merciful God, a renewed vision of every tribe gathered before your throne and the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. **Amen.**

† Hymn of Praise                      *"America"*                      **UMH No. 697**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson	<b>Psalm 97</b>	George Orlovsky
Anthem	<i>"Supper"</i>	Steve Huepper
Children's Lesson		Richard Angel
† Gospel Lesson		<b>John 17:20-24</b>
Sermon	<i>"A More Perfect Union"</i>	Kevin Seymour

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### † Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have neglected the cries of the needy. We have forgotten to honor you in all things. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen**

*All pray in silence*

### Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Everyone who believes in him shall know eternal life.

**Pardon**                      In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**The Peace**                      May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
**Glory to God, Amen!**

† Hymn                      *"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"*                      **TFWS No. 2026**

**Halle, Halle, Halleluja,  
Halle Halle Halleluja, Halleluja, Halleluja.**

### Sharing our prayer concerns

**MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – July 7, 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.

**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.

**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>

**PARISH NOTICES**

**Annual Conference Wrap-up** information can be found by going to [communications@nccumc.org](mailto:communications@nccumc.org). Stay informed on this topic and see many other upcoming listings for Webinars, resources, programs through July 11.

***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>Family of Ryder Bigelow</b> Debbie Bryan Richard Campbell Peggy Danielsen Greg & Marcia Garcia	Amanda Johnson Evan & Leslie Johnson Ashley MacBurnett Maude Maloney Jean Manchester	Ann McLeod Rhonda McNeill Palestinians & middle east Susie Pierce 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 6/30/24    (Est). **72**

Tithes & Offerings as of: 06/30/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 96,149.15
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 122,529.37
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 26,380.22

## 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
7	Jason Morton Calleigh Baker	Richard Angel	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Laurel Parker Pam Summers	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Danny Baker Peggy Baker
14	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Gary Maddox George Orlovsky	
21	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	Steve Huepper	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Terrena Shelton Danny Baker	
28	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Gillian Hubley	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	Jack Harper Mavis Harper	
Aug 4	Paisley Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Richard Angel	Peggy Baker	Drew Burris Gary Rosser	Drew Burris Laurel Parker	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Steve Huepper Marian Huepper

**After Worship Treats are provided by the Wissingers. Thank you!**  
**Join us also for birthday cake!**

### JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Gary Rosser 7/2	Eusebio Legge 7/9	Evan Johnson 7/19	Gregory Garcia 7/23
Heather Perry 7/5	Tommy Gross, Jr. 7/15	Liam Johnson 7/19	Mike Little 7/27
Linda Dilley 7/7	Sue Sloan 7/16	Sue Job 7/20	Opal Campbell 7/28
Barbara Lewis 7/7	Dianne Flynn 7/17	Angelene Rosser 7/21	Donald Davis 7/29
Don Job 7/7	Ray Cox 7/19	Stacey Burris 7/23	