



# MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## An Order of Service for Word and Worship

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 11, 2021 9:30 AM

**Entrance**

**Prelude**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

**Welcome**

Pastor

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

**Call to Worship**

L: We have been freed!

**P: Fear and death have no claim on us!**

L: Christ the Lord is risen!

**P: Even though we have not touched his wounded hands, yet we believe.**

L: Even though we have not heard him speak our names, yet we believe.

**P: Let us celebrate God’s love through the life of Jesus Christ.**

**Opening Hymn**

*“He Lives”*

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**Prayer of Confession**

(Unison)

**Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed, and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

**New Testament Lesson**

*1 John 1:1-2:2*

Pastor

**Gloria Patri**

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**Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns**

Pastor

**Musical Interlude**

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

**Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation**

**Special Music**

*“Without Seeing You”*

Jerry Keith

**Sermon Text**

*John 20:19-31*

**Sermon**

**Unless I See**

Pastor

**Closing Hymn**

*“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”*

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*“Close to Thee”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are excited that you joined us in Worship today via FaceBook Live. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes all as we come together to Worship. Let us join in praising God, making Disciples for Jesus and helping transform the world!

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** - Thanks to those who showed up early to see the sun rise and to glorify our Risen Son! Praise His Holy Name! Thank you, Jesus!

**MCUMC Survey - Returning to Corporate Worship:** Just a reminder - if you have *not* submitted your, today is the last day to do so. We value your comments and concerns, and this information will assist in future planning for continued reopening structure. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

**Sunday, April 18th - First Sunday that we will be back in the Sanctuary for Worship!** Watch for guideline information from the Communications Ministry Team regarding coming back together for in-person Worship at Morris Chapel UMC. The Sanctuary will be professionally cleaned for this first service and teams will be setup for each Sunday to make sure that we are sanitizing the Sanctuary for the next Sunday. Social protocols will be observed. We will limit the number of attendees and a sign- up procedure will be utilized, with instructions issued this week. Please Pray as we begin to come together as the Body of Christ!

**The Steeple Newsletter** needs your articles and submissions for the May edition no later than April 24th. Anyone with an idea for the Steeple, please send the information to Carol Martell at [martell6064@gmail.com](mailto:martell6064@gmail.com). If you do not have email please call Carol at (919) 498-5654. Thank you for your continued interest in our newsletter!

**The Armor of God: 3-Part Series** has concluded. All three segments now can be found on Morris Chapel Facebook. Thank you to those who have faithfully watched this series. May you be blessed!

**Thursday Bible Studies:** (Livestream) at 11:00. The next topic will be announced several weeks after Easter. Stay tuned!

**Tithes and Offerings:** The church thanks you for your faithfulness in tithing and offering. Please continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or follow the directions on the website at [www.morrischapelumc.org](http://www.morrischapelumc.org) for on-line giving through Vanco, as many of the expenses of the church still continue. Be in God's Grace, Peace and Love

*Announcements may be submitted by noon on Wednesdays  
to Laurel Parker at [laurelparker@charter.net](mailto:laurelparker@charter.net) or (919) 271-0963.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Project Agape  
Cindy Roberts Alexander  
Sheila Armstrong  
Carmen Andrews  
**Richard Angel**  
Asian Americans  
Sherry Baucom  
Gage Berryman  
Joshua Black  
Allison Blackwell  
Polly Bouldin  
Elizabeth Brown  
Pauline Brown  
Sharon Buchanan  
Country of Burma  
Opal Campbell  
Rick Campbell  
Barbara Cashion  
**Family of Susan Clark**  
Dennis Cleveland  
Noah Davis Clifton  
Shirley Coleman  
**COVID-19 victims**  
Greg Cox  
Jeanette Amos-Cox

Tamara Davidson & Oscar Roberto  
Carole Davis  
Barbara Denise  
Melissa Edwards  
Wayne Everts  
**Emergency responders**  
Sharon Fields  
Don Fletcher  
Lisa Godwin  
**Family of Mike Graham**  
Cindy Griffin  
**Shiann Hagan**  
Elva Hall  
Weston Hamil  
Louis Hartman  
Kelly Hatcher  
**Healthcare workers**  
Laura Holder  
Chad Huffman  
Janet Hughes  
Kathy Hyde  
Justin, Leslie, Evan & Liam Johnson  
Bobby Jones  
Crystal Jordan

Sandi Kankelfritz  
June Kelly  
Branson Long  
Lost souls everywhere  
Mary Luth  
Brenda Maddox  
Maude Maloney  
Carol Martell  
Rebecca Mansfield  
Melissa Martin  
Connie Mashburn  
Ashley McBurnett  
Donna McNeill  
Linda McNeill  
Rhonda McNeill  
Tim McNeill  
Martha Meeks  
Mercy Center  
Lou Millar  
Military troops & families  
Ricky Norris  
Norma O'Quinn  
Karen Odom  
Cecile Parker

Lance Parker, Sr.  
Brenda Popke  
Gregg Presnal  
Dot Roberts  
Sandra Shope  
Catherine Simms  
Richard Smith  
Valerie Stanley  
Carrie Stephenson  
Hilton Stewart  
Howard Sweeney  
Esteen Thomas  
Joyce Thomas  
Larry Thomas  
Mary Thomas  
United Methodist Churches  
**United States of America**  
Gene Wheeler  
Betty Whitehurst  
Jackie Wilson  
Tim Wholey  
**Reopening for Worship**  
Sammy Womack  
People of Yemen