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An Order of Service for Word and Worship

FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

March 21, 2021 9:30 AM

Entrance

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor

O God of our Hearts, You yearn to be so close to us that we can know You in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the covenant of justice, peace and love You have written on our hearts. So may our desires become Your desires, our work become Your work, and our community the place where You are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Call to Worship!

L: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

L: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

L: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

Opening Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

#593

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to You, Lord God. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in You that the message of peace and mercy You have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to Your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 51:1-12

Pastor

Gloria Patri

#70

Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Pastor

Musical Interlude

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

Special Music

"Then I Met the Master"

Jerry Keith

Sermon Text:

John 12:20-33

Sermon:

We Wish to See Jesus

Pastor

Closing Hymn

"Where He Leads Me"

#338

Benediction

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!

The Armor of God: 3-Part Series is a new mini-series offered through Morris Chapel's Facebook! Based on Ephesians 6:10-18, this study reminds us of the "armor" God has given us to stand tall in a mixed-up and perplexing world, and how to take the Gospel message to others as we have been called to do. Segments are less than 30 minutes, so join us at your leisure! The study leader is Laurel Parker.

Lent Devotionals - Join Pastor Mike each morning during Lent at 7:00 am on Facebook Live for a time of Lenten Devotion and Prayer time. We have Lent Devotionals at the church for pickup and the online version of the church's newsletter, The Steeple, will have a link that you can click on and download the devotional to your computer. Society of St. Andrews provides these to the church at no charge and this year's theme is "Walk Humbly." Let us prepare our hearts during Lent to receive the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday.

Support Project Agape by bringing your household items to the church no later than Sunday March 21st. Please let Pastor Mike know when you are bringing items so that he may either open the Fellowship Hall for you or make sure your dropped off items are secured ASAP. The March Steeple Newsletter will contain an explanation of what items are most needed. During this Lenten season, the people of Armenia and the city of Berdzor are in great need. Your help, no matter how small, will mean much to people who have little or nothing due to war. May God bless your efforts.

Thursday Bible Studies: (Livestream) at 11:00. The book of Romans has concluded. The next topic will be announced shortly.

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 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 given by noon on Wednesdays
to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Project Agape

Cindy Roberts Alexander
Sheila Armstrong

Carmen Andrews

Richard Angel

Sherry Baucom
Gage Berryman

Joshua Black

Allison Blackwell

Polly Bouldin
Elizabeth Brown
Pauline Brown

Sharon Buchanan

Opal Campbell

Rick Campbell

Barbara Cashion

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

Grace Gillis

Lisa Godwin

Mike Graham

Cindy Griffin

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

Branson Long

June Kelly

Lost souls everywhere

Mary Luth

Brenda Maddox

Maude Maloney

Carol Martell

Melissa Martin

Connie Mashburn

Ashley McBurnett

Donna McNeill

Family of Grace McNeill

Linda McNeill

Rhonda McNeill

Tim McNeill

Martha Meeks

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

Kevin & Mariah Thompson

United Methodist Churches

United States of America

Gene Wheeler

Betty Whitehurst

Tim Wholey

Jackie Wilson

Reopening for Worship

Sammy Womack

People of Yemen