



# MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## An Order of Service for Word and Worship

**PALM SUNDAY**

March 28, 2021 9:30 AM

**Entrance**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Pastor

Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever, Amen.

**Call to Worship!**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

**P: Let the Savior enter!**

L: Shout with joy, all you people.

**P: The Savior has come forth bringing peace. AMEN**

**Opening Hymn**

*“This Is the Day, This Is the Day” (2 Times)*

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**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

**Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God’s Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day!**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Pastor

**Gloria Patri**

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**Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns**

Pastor

**Musical Interlude**

**Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation**

**Special Music**

Edna Bailey & Lynn Lotter

**Sermon Text:**

**Mark 11:1-11**

**Sermon:**

**I Wish I was There**

Pastor

**Closing Hymn**

*“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

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**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!

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** - April 4th, Easter Sunday, 7:00 am, we will gather at the front steps of the church for our Easter Sunrise Service. Please bring your chair as we gather outside to celebrate Jesus Christ. HE IS RISEN!! Afterward there will be coffee and donuts under the carport. We will also have an Easter Egg Hunt for our young people. Please remember to follow Covid-19 guidelines for these gatherings. Our regular **9:30 Livestream Worship Service** will also be broadcast. Join us for one or both services to celebrate our King!

**Sunday, April 18th** - First Sunday that we will be back in the Sanctuary for Worship! Please be looking for information that the Communications Committee will be sharing over the next few weeks for coming back together for in-person Worship at Morris Chapel UMC. The Trustees and Communications Committees are working hard to get everything in place for this exciting day. The Sanctuary will be professionally cleaned for this first service and there will be teams set up for each Sunday to make sure that we are sanitizing the Sanctuary for the next Sunday. Please Pray as we begin to come together as the Body of Christ!

**Project Agape:** Thank you to those who faithfully brought household items to the church for this important relief mission. The items will be shipped to Armenia in the near future to assist the people of Berdzor in reestablishing their households. May all who contributed be blessed!

**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.

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

June Kelly

Branson Long

Lost souls everywhere

Mary Luth

Brenda Maddox

Maude Maloney

Carol Martell

### **Rebecca Manson**

Melissa Martin

Connie Mashburn

Ashley McBurnett

Donna 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

United Methodist Churches

### **United States of America**

Gene Wheeler

Betty Whitehurst

Tim Wholey

Jackie Wilson

### **Reopening for Worship**

Sammy Womack

People of Yemen