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## An Order of Service for the Worship of God

**Ascension Sunday** May 24, 2020 9:30 AM

**Entrance** 

**Prelude** 

The Lighting of the Altar Candles

#### Call to Worship

L: Welcome! We are gathered here to celebrate the great promise!

P: Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.

L: Jesus asked all of his friends to live lives reflecting the love of God.

P: We are numbered among these friends!

L: Open your hearts today. Hear God's special word just for you!

P: Lord, help us to be ready to receive your word and to live in your love. AMEN.

Lord, Be Glorified **Opening Hymn** Insert

**Opening Prayer** All

Gracious Lord, this morning we come to You with so many things on our hearts. Keep our hearts and our minds open to Your words of healing and of hope. Give us spirits of courage for all the times ahead. We ask your blessing on all those this day who are afflicted with illness and debilitating diseases, for those who mourn, for those who feel lost and alienated from family and from friends. Be with these dear people. Help them to feel Your comforting and restoring presence. Give to us also, Lord, a spirit of peace and joy that we might live Your love through our attitudes and actions. In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN.

Gloria Patri #70

**Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns** 

**Pastor** 

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us pray.

**Silent Meditation and Musical Interlude** 

**Pastoral Prayer Pastor** 

**Special Music** 

John 17:1-11 **Gospel Lesson** 

**Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 **Pastor** 

Sermon I gave my life to Christ and this is it?

I Surrender All **Sending Forth** #354

**Benediction Pastor** 

#### 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 together in praising God, making Disciples for Jesus and helping transform the world!

**COVID-19 Church Reopening Announcement**: Greetings in the name of The Great Physician and Healer Jesus Christ!

As North Carolina prepares to enter Phase 2 of the approach to lift restrictions while combatting COVID-19, we'd like to provide you with an update from Morris Chapel United Methodist Church.

The Church Council and Board of Trustees have begun to plan for the eventual reopening of our facilities for ministry and the resumption of corporate worship in our sanctuary. As we do so, we continue in the tradition of our Wesleyan heritage and commitment to "first do no harm" and are placing the highest emphasis on the safety and well-being of all of our faith community, particularly those most vulnerable.

As we plan, there are a variety of ways in which we will need to adapt and innovate, but we are committed to meeting or exceeding basic health guidelines to allow us to reopen safely and faithfully. For worship, this will likely result in an experience that feels a bit different than that to which we have long become accustomed. As such, we will communicate the details of the re-opening plan to you as soon as possible along with the date upon which we anticipate resuming corporate worship.

In the interim, please be reminded that all face-to-face program ministries, including corporate worship and Sunday School, Terrific Tuesday, Choir Rehearsal, Bible Studies and UMM remain suspended. We will continue to utilize virtual ministry tools, including Facebook livestreaming for worship and Bible Studies and are considering ways to facilitate Sunday School and other small group ministries electronically in the interim.

During this period, our church facilities continue to be cleaned with particular emphasis on door handles, pew arms and backs, tabletops and other surfaces where viruses may reside. As a reminder, however, in an effort to minimize contamination and curtail the spread of the COVID-19 virus, <u>please refrain from entering any of the buildings</u>. The doors to the sanctuary will remain locked on Sunday mornings during the Facebook livestream service. Please contact Pastor Edwards at (919) 632-6700 should you require access to any facility.

Please continue to check the website at <a href="www.morrischapelumc.org">www.morrischapelumc.org</a> for the latest updates. We would also ask that you continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or follow the directions on website for on-line giving through Vanco, as the expenses of the church still continue. Please continue to communicate all requests regarding prayer, sickness and other matters directly to Pastor Edwards.

The mission and ministry of Jesus Christ continues even amidst times such as these. Let us continue to be in prayer for those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus and also for the many healthcare, public service professionals and others who serve on the front lines in caring for those in need. Be in God's Grace, Peace and Love

**The Upper Room Devotional Guides have arrived!** If you would like a print copy, please reply to this email and we will have one mailed to you while supplies last. Alternatively (and to save postage), at least through June 30, complimentary copies of The Upper Room devotional guide are being made available at the following link: <a href="https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19">https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19</a>. In addition, four short prayer resources that address specific needs are also available below. Please download and share as you wish!

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

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mike Applegate Melissa Edwards Chris Johnson Johnny Patterson David & Melba Pearson David Argy Justin, Leslie, Evan & Liam Johnson Ryan Eppts Sheila Armstrong Wayne Everett Crystal Jordan Susie Pierce Monica Flock Sarah McNeill Jordan Skip Asay Sheila Pressler Joshua Black Dwight Flynn Sandi Kankelfritz Janie Ray Tina Blackwell Gene Flynn June Kelly **Dot Roberts** Nancy Fonke Claudia Key **Angeline Rosser** Charity Boedeker's mom Anna Gambisha Don Key Marjorie Schmidt Sylvia Bowman Elizabeth Brown Charles Gillis Karen Key Brent Sloan Jill Brown & family Pam Gillis Margaret Kilcullen Valerie Stanley Montana Brown Alice Gjerde Lulu Kimrey **Carrie Stevenson** Carmen Bullard **Buddy Godwin** Cecil King Walt & Ellie Swanson **Sharon Gore** Johnny Lane Crystal Burichin Karen Tatum Agnes Cameron Terry Gunter Branson Long **Amy Thomas** Larry & Kathy Cameron Teresa Gurkin Lynn Lotter **Buck Thomas** Mary Luth Ron Cameron Weston Hamil Cleta Thomas Opal Campbell Linda Hardt family Doris Maddox **Esteen Thomas** Rick Canoy Louis Hartman Jim & Carol Martell Joyce Thomas Lorace Thomas Dennis Cleveland Kelly Hatcher Melissa Martin Healthcare workers Mary Thomas Noah Davis Clifton Connie Mashburn Family of Madison Hankal Matthew Thomas **Kay Coles** Beth McNeill Shirley Coleman Arnold Hodges Melody Trapani Donna McNeill **COVID-19 victims** United Methodist Churches Laura Holder Grace McNeill **United States of America** Greg Cox Peggy Holder Rhonda McNeill Jay Cox **Brookes Howard** Tim McNeill Pam Vaughan Jeanette Amos-Cox Mary Hudson Glynes Meeks Tommy Vaughan Lola Mae Cox Paul & Jewel Huegerich Martha Meeks Thelma Wall Morgan Cox Chad Huffman Gary O'Neal Colleen Weber Ronny Cox Veronica Huffman Military troops & families Betty Whitehurst

Lou & Arlene Millar

**Betty Patterson** 

Gwen Patterson

Jackie Wilson

Sammy Womack

Jimmy & Eunice Womack

Sharon Cox

Josh Currin

Benjamin Edwards

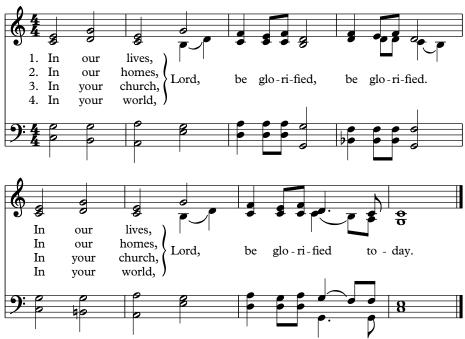
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Amanda Campbell-Johnson

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# Lord, Be Glorified

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### I Surrender All



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