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An Order of Service for Word and Worship

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

February 21, 2021 9:30 AM

Entrance

Prelude

Welcome **Pastor**

Come! Let us worship God, Who makes and keeps covenant.

Come! See the sign of God's promise in rainbow and rhythm.

Come! Let us worship Almighty God! Hallelujah!

Call to Worship!

L: Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.

P: Where will this journey take us?

L: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

P: How much time do we have to get ready?

L: The time is now at hand for this journey.

P: Help us to be ready for this, O Lord. AMEN.

Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#302

Prayer of Praise (Unison)

The season of Lent is here again and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with You. AMEN.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 25:1-10 **Pastor** Gloria Patri #70

Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns Pastor

Musical Interlude

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

Special Music

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 3:18-22

God is With Us; We Are Not Alone Sermon: **Pastor**

Closing Hymn "Spirit Song" #347

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!

<u>Lent Devotionals</u> - 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.

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

Thursday Bible Studies: (Livestream) at 11:00. The study resumed on Thursday Jan. 7th so continue to join us. It is never too late to tune in! Please mark your calendars to attend via Livestream as this is a pivotal New Testament book chock full of wisdom and should not be missed!

<u>Tithes and Offerings:</u> 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 <u>laurelparker@charter.net</u> or (919) 271-0963.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Project Agape
Cindy Roberts Alexander
Sheila Armstrong
Ted Amos
Richard Angel
Clay Barefoot
Sherry Baucom
Gage Berryman
Jack Beyer
Joshua Black
Family of Denise Blake
Polly Bouldin
Elizabeth Brown

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Elizabeth Brown
Pauline Brown
Sharon Buchanan
Daniel Burton
Opal Campbell
Rick Campbell
Barbara Cashion
Dennis Cleveland
Noah Davis Clifton
Shirley Coleman

COVID-19 victims Adam Cox Greg Cox

Jeanette Amos-Cox Morgan Cox Carole Davis Melissa Edwards **Emergency responders** Sharon Fields Don Fletcher Lisa Godwin 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

Crystal Jordan Sandi Kankelfritz June Kelly Branson Long Lost souls everywhere

Mary Luth

Maude Maloney Melissa Martin Connie Mashburn Beth McNeill Donna McNeill Grace McNeill Linda McNeill Rhonda McNeill Tim McNeill Martha Meeks

Military troops & families

Ricky Norris

Family of Terry Nixon Norma O'Quinn Karen Oldham Cecile Parker Lance Parker, Sr.

Brenda Popke Jason Riddle Tom Riddle Dot Roberts Sandra Shope
Catherine Simms
Richard Smith
Susan Smith
Valerie Stanley
Carrie Stephenson
Hilton Stewart
Esteen Thomas
Joyce Thomas
Larry Thomas
Mary Thomas

United Methodist Churches
United States of America

Gene Wheeler Betty Whitehurst Tim Wholey Bill Wilson Jackie Wilson

Reopening for Worship

Sammy Womack People of Yemen