

**Pray for Our Church Family:**

Please pray for the Gilbert family as they mourn the loss of Donna M. Gilbert Olson, David Gilbert's mother. Also, please pray for the Werries and McFeeter families as they mourn the loss of Vicki Werries.

**Blood Drive**

Morton United Methodist Church is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm. The need for blood is high right now in the wake of Hurricane Ian. Sign-up to help save a life! Register with the QR Code below or at the Welcome Desk.



**XYZ Activities**

Don't forget to sign up for the XYZ Lunch to Kuchie's on the Water! We will be leaving from the church at 11am on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Last day to sign up is October 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up available at the Welcome Desk.

**UMM Fall Retreat**

The UMM will be taking a Fall Retreat! We will be departing from the church at 5:15pm on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> and will get back on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The cost for two nights and meals is \$131 (Scholarships are available). Bring a snack to share, clothing and shoes for hiking, a friend, a Bible and a desire to go deeper with Jesus! Sign-Up with the QR Code below! Deadline is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

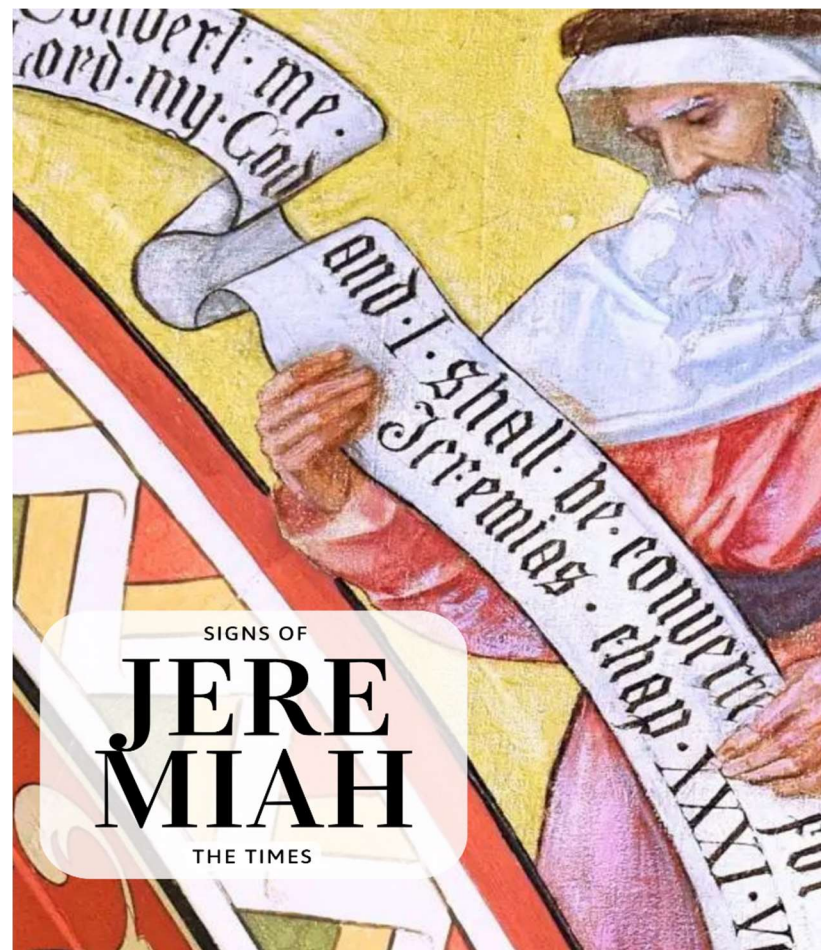


**Be the Church:**

Scan the QR code to see the upcoming events for next week! You can also download our app to keep up to date with the events in the church! There are printed schedules available at the Welcome Desk for anyone who would like one!



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# Morton United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 16th, 2022

## Sunday Worship

October 16th, 2022

8:30 a.m.

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## Unison Prayer

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Call to Worship\*

Reverend: How sweet is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Sweeter than honey to our mouths.***

Reverend: The Lord who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.

All: ***Praise the God of the everlasting covenant!***

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\*

*Standing on the Promises*  
UMH 374

Unison Prayer

Offertory

*Wade In the Water*

Doxology\*

UMH 94

Children's Time

Centering Hymn\*

*How Firm a Foundation*  
UMH 529 (vs. 1,2,5)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem

*This Little Light of Mine*

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 11:1-8

Gospel Reading\*

Luke 18:1-18

Gloria Patri\*

UMH 70

Sermon

*"Keeping Faith"*  
Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn\*

*We Are the Church*  
UMH 558

Benediction

Refrain\*

Chorus of *We Are the Church*

Postlude

O God, Spirit of righteousness,  
you temper judgment with mercy.

Help us to live the covenant written upon our hearts  
so that when Christ returns  
we may be found worthy  
to be received by grace into your presence. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading – NIV – Jeremiah 11:1-8:**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>"Listen to the terms of this covenant and tell them to the people of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Tell them that this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Cursed is the one who does not obey the terms of this covenant— <sup>4</sup>the terms I commanded your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt, out of the iron-smelting furnace.' I said, 'Obey me and do everything I command you, and you will be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>5</sup>Then I will fulfill the oath I swore to your ancestors, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey'—the land you possess today."

I answered, "Amen, LORD."

<sup>6</sup>The LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: 'Listen to the terms of this covenant and follow them. <sup>7</sup>From the time I brought your ancestors up from Egypt until today, I warned them again and again, saying, "Obey me."<sup>8</sup> But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubbornness of their evil hearts. So I brought on them all the curses of the covenant I had commanded them to follow but that they did not keep.'"

\*Please stand if you are able