



MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 28, 2024

2024 EASTER SUNDAY FLOWER CROSS

Bring Flowers from Your Backyard to Adorn the Cross on Easter Morning!

Welcome!

If you're here for the first time, please complete the **Guest Welcome** form at MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started and stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your visitor gift! We would love to connect and help you get plugged into life and ministry of the church. **Children's Praise Packs** are located in the Reception Area & Welcome Center. These special bags are for kids ages 3–6 or kids ages 7-12 and will help them to engage in worship.



Get the app!

MOBILE CHECK-IN & ONLINE GIVING: Scan the QR Code to download our **Realm Connect church app** and begin engaging with events, registrations, groups, the church directory and more! Sign in, Sign up, or learn more at MatthewsUMC.org/Realm. Check-In Station also available at the Welcome Center & Attendance Books on each pew for guests and those without a smart phone.



EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & ONLINE BULLETIN: Access the bulletin and a complete list of ministry opportunities in the [Celebration Newsletter](#). *(Printed copies at the Welcome Center.)*
Thank you for helping to conserve paper and waste.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 28, 2024

7:00pm

Welcome

Grace Trumpower

Call to Worship

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

Leader: and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

Leader: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

*Opening Hymn, No. 339

Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast

HURSLEY

*Prayer of Confession

Hunter Adcock

All: Almighty and creating God, we confess and come before you as people who are separated from one another by fear, prejudice and lack of knowledge. By our language and actions we declare insiders and outsiders in our lives and in our church.

Forgive us and create in us the vision of opening our hearts, minds and doors as wide as the love of God. So that no one is left outside and all find a place of belonging.

Help us to reach beyond ourselves to discover the joy of community.

Lead us to discover that all people have gifts and abilities to share with our community of faith.

Forgive us Lord.

*Words of Assurance and Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Offering

Offertory Music

Will Thames

(Holy Week offerings will go to support Kidron Valley Ministries (KIVAM), a Christian, rural-based community situated at Naminya Village in Uganda. Through this ministry, orphans have a safe place in which to grow up, local children have access to a quality education, local residents have access to nearby medical care, a community has access to clean water, and a congregation has a building in which they can worship Jesus Christ.)

Scripture Readings *each reading will be followed by Music & Reflection*

Luke 22:7-13 NIV

John 13:1-9, 10-17 NIV

Matthew 26:20-25, 26-29 NIV

John 13:27-30, 31-38 NIV

John 14:1-4, 5-6 NIV

***Celebration of Holy Communion**

*The Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

***Musical Praise**

Lord, I Need You

Matt Maher

***Closing Prayer**

Hunter Adcock

**Following Closing Prayer, please depart in silence.*

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

Laurie Little, Director of Rainbow Express Ministries;

Will Thames, Pianist; Grace Trumpower; Hunter Adcock;

John Woodall, Director of Contemporary Worship; Joel Mullis,

Worship Production Director; Tom Amann, Livestream;

Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator; Bradley Grose, Acolyte

Jesus observed Passover with his disciples on Thursday evening of what we now call "Holy Week." The traditional Passover meal includes foods that recall the exodus (departure) of the Jews from their captivity in Egypt.

WELCOME FROM THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION!

All are welcome here ... and we do mean all. We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God's kingdom. We don't all look or act alike; God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens, but every Sunday, we worship together as one. Our nearly 150-year-old church is filled with some traditional and inspiring untraditional ways. We study the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing modern songs and old hymns. Yet, in our preaching and prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant — a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God. **After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors or someone at our Welcome Center. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know — you just might be home!**

RAINBOW EXPRESS MINISTRIES

Rainbow Express Ministries is a community offering children and young adults with and without disabilities opportunities to share their gifts, to build friendships, and to serve others, rooted in the abounding love of God.

"Our purpose is to equip and nurture a church/community so that it reflects the involvement, gifts and value of young adults with and without disabilities, by providing opportunities for belonging and education."

For more information, please visit: rainbowexpressministries.com

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Mar. 29	Good Friday— <i>Tenebrae Service of Shadows</i>	7PM
Mar. 31	Easter Sunday— <i>Celebration of our Risen Lord!</i>	6:45, 8:15, 9:30, 11:00AM
	Easter Jam— <i>Family Worship in the Gym</i>	9:30AM
	Butterfly Release— <i>The Courtyard</i>	10:30AM
	Centro Cristiano Hosannah en Español	6:45AM (<i>Eagle's Nest</i>) 12:30PM (<i>Sanctuario</i>)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The name "MAUNDY" comes from the Latin words "IT IS COMMANDED."
This service is in remembrance of the new commandment given by Jesus in John 13:34-35 as He was celebrating His last Passover with His disciples.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



COME AS YOU ARE: Sunday Mornings

8:15 (Traditional), 9:30 (Contemporary); 11:00 (Traditional),
9:30 (United Kids Family Worship 2nd Sundays in the Gym);
12:30 Centro Cristiano Hosanna (Servicio en Espanol)

9:30 & 11:00 Services Livestreamed at MatthewsUMC.org