

THE GOOD THE BAD THE UGLY

WHY I AM ENTHUSIASTICALLY A UNITED METHODIST

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 14, 2024

UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP

This Morning at 9:30am in the Gym

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.



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.

Get the app!



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.

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Eastertide

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Variations on 'Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain'

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 361

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Minuet

Franz Joseph Haydn

MUMC Woodwind Ensemble, Cello

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:26-28

MESSAGE

“The Good, the Bad, the Ugly: Why I Am
Enthusiastically a United Methodist”

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 720

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

WACHET AUF

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Jason Payne

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Paul Craig

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*; Kathy White, *Music Ministry Associate/Organist*; MUMC Woodwind Ensemble & Cello (*names on back*); Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Chuck DeLong, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Charlene Bush, *Lay Reader*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

***Musical Praise**

Your Love Awakens Me
Build Your Church

Phil Wickham
Elevation Worship & Maverick City

***Passing the Peace**

Holy Baptism

Bopha Lynn Song & Max Oswald Song
Daughter & Son of Sarah Norton

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

The Commission

CAIN

The Word

Lesson

Galatians 3:26-28

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Response

***Musical Praise**

Fear Is Not My Future

Maverick City

***Blessing**

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Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson; Rev. Paul Craig
John Woodall, *Director of Contemporary Worship*;
Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Donna Balisado, *Screens*;
Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Contemporary Praise Team

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

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11:00am

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MUMC Woodwind Ensemble, Cello

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Arise, Your Light Has Come

David Danner

Sanctuary Choir

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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!**

OUR PRAYERS

In care and sympathy, we lift up:

Family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that **Walking By Faith Community Church** will flourish, and that God might richly bless their ministry.

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Church family with special needs and concerns.

MUMC WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

Craig Estep, Director

*Sue Demick, Sue Worthington, Deborah Morrison, Janice Mangum, Leslie Niessner, Sarah Sheffield
Suzanne Harmon, Cello*

CHARLOTTE FLUTE CHOIR IN CONCERT

April 14th -Today! Hosted by MUMC

3pm in the Sanctuary, Free Admission. Come enjoy an afternoon of incredible music!

*The sanctuary flowers have been given to the glory of God by
Jan Moynihan in memory of her husband, Jerry.*



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

The United Methodist Church General Conference 2024

Right here in Charlotte!

United Methodists from all over the world are traveling to attend General Conference in Charlotte, NC from April 23-May 3, 2024. General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The conference meets to consider revisions to church law and to adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. General Conference also approves plans and budgets for churchwide agencies and programs.

You are invited to serve as part of our Welcome Team during General Conference and offer gracious hospitality to our guests!

Serving at General Conference

As part of the Welcome Team at General Conference, you will have a tremendous opportunity to see the United Methodist connection up close and provide hospitality to friends in Christ from around the world!

- * Apply online to serve: WelcomeToGC.org.
- * Anyone 18 years and older is welcome to serve.
- * After your application is processed, you will receive an invitation email with a link to select your available serving dates and times.
- * Opportunities will be set up in 4-hour shifts.
- * Help needed starting April 18.
- * Welcome Team members will wear red aprons to help be easily-identifiable while serving.
- * You are responsible for hotel and meal costs associated with your stay

*More information can be found by visiting
WelcometoGC.org*

*Hard copies of an informational flyer are available at
the Welcome Center today!*