Matthews United Methodist Church embraces God's gift of diversity and rejoices in a loving, diverse community united in Jesus Christ! Our Church strives to live the love of Christ in all we do and affirms the sacred worth of all persons, deserving of every sacrament and rite.

We affirm and celebrate individuals of every age, economic status, ethnicity, race, physical and intellectual abilities, political perspective, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family composition, country of origin and citizenship status. We all are made in Christ's image, worthy of God's love and grace!

We recognize our differences and do not seek to erase them but to use them as a source of strength, as we journey together toward greater understanding, mutual respect, and love for each other, while humbly serving our God.

Matthews United Methodist Church (MUMC) is a community of people committed to Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, united in the love of God, and called to make that love real to others, through how we ...

- **REACH** people in the name of Christ,
- **TEACH** everyone to be fully devoted disciples of Christ,
- PRAISE God through worship and in everything we do,
- **SERVE** others, as Christ taught us, to relieve suffering in the world.

In the Gathering Space of our Sanctuary carved in granite from 1993 are these words of vision: to become an all-inclusive Christian community which lifts high the Cross and shares the love of Jesus.

## **WE ARE:**

- Disciple-Making People of God
- Deeply Rooted People of God
- Faithful People of God
- Diverse People of God
- Justice-Seeking People of God
- Resilient People of God

- Missional People of God
- Connected People of God
- World-Changing People of God
- Generous People of God
- Committed People of God
- Jesus-Seeking People of God
- Spirit-Filled People of God

