



MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 12, 2024

Happy Mother's Day!

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

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday in Eastertide

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Festival

McChesney

The Joyful Ringers

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Mother's Eyes Reflect the Love of Heaven

Stephen Jones

Wendi Moskowitz, Contralto

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1:15-18

MESSAGE

"Through Thick and Thin"

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 445

Happy the Home When God Is There

ST. AGNES

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

Beethoven/Michael Keller

The Joyful Ringers

**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; The Joyful Ringers

(names on back); Wendi Moskowitz, Contralto; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Chuck DeLong, Screens;

Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator; Wendy Hall, Lay Reader

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

May 12, 2024

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

***Musical Praise**

Tear Off the Roof
Reckless Love

Brandon Lake
Bethel Music

***Passing the Peace**

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

Thank God I Do

Lauren Daigle

The Word

Lesson

Ruth 1:15-18

Message

“Through Thick and Thin”

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

***Musical Praise**

Revival

Third Day

***Blessing**

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday in Eastertide

11:00am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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Festival

McChesney

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

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Tom Amann, Livestream; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator; Kirk & Wade Moskowitz, Acolytes;

Tonya Terry, Lay Reader

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:

Al & Ruth Sims upon the death of their son, Paul.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that **Ben-Salem Presbyterian 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.

Feasibility Study Focus Groups for Sanctuary & Auxiliary Space Improvements

Provide Your Response as MUMC explores facility upgrades & accessibility. Open to ALL; No registration required.

May 12 at 9:30 am, Room 106

May 12 at 11:10 am, Gym (*after Family Worship*)

May 19 at 9:30 am, The Commons

THE JOYFUL RINGERS

Craig Estep, Director

Mellie Friend, Robin Havican, Susie Verrill, Maxine Starner, Annette Clary, Chrissie Hackett, Leslee Mabee, Lee Cornell, Karen Price, Sarah Sheffield, Liz Mockler, Jan Moynihan, Jesse Roberts, Tom Amann

MELODY MAKERS IN CONCERT

"Faith We Sing!"

Tuesday, May 14th, 11:00am *in the Sanctuary*

The Melody Makers is a community outreach choir for Senior Adults sponsored by MUMC Music Ministries, under the direction of Craig Estep. Their Spring Concert, "Faith We Sing!" will be held **THIS** upcoming Tuesday morning at 11:00am in the Sanctuary.

No ticket needed. All are welcome.



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](https://www.MatthewsUMC.org)