

# THE GOOD LIFE

## *The Good Life*

“THE BLESSED LONGING”

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 28, 2024

*Welcome!*

If you're here for the first time, please complete the **Guest Welcome** form at [MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started](https://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.



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*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

*July 28, 2024*

*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*8:15am*

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

Amazing Grace  
*Woodwind Quintet*

arr. Tim Rumsey

## WELCOME

## *CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP*

### \*OPENING HYMN, NO. 368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## TIME OF PRAYER

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gabriel's Oboe  
*Eric Myers, Oboe*

Ennio Morricone

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## *THE WORD*

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-6

## MESSAGE

"The Good Life...The God Life: The Blessed Longing"

*Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II*

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

### \*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 473

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME, LORD

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Recessional

Lynn Trapp

*\*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*; Eric Myers, *Oboe*;  
Woodwind Quintet (*names on back*); Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Nancy Harris, *Screens*;

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Steve Hall, *Lay Reader*

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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*July 28, 2024*

*9:30am*

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## *Welcome & Greeting*

### **\*Musical Praise**

Goodness of God

*Bethel Music*

Come As You Are

*Crowder & Maher*

### **\*Passing the Peace**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Recognition**

**Announcements/Prayer/Offering**

### **A Song of Giving**

All My Hope

*David Crowder*

## *The Word*

### **Lessons**

Matthew 5:1-6

### **Message**

“The Good Life...The God Life: The Blessed Longing”

*Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson*

## *Response*

### **\*Musical Praise**

Great Are You Lord

*All Sons & Daughters*

### **\*Blessing**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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**Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Recipients** (*names on back*); **John Biggers**, *Contemporary Worship Associate*; **Joel Mullis**, *Worship Production Director*; **Donna Balisado**, *Screens*; **Susan Chambers**, *Worship Coordinator*;  
**Contemporary Praise Team**

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*July 28, 2024*

*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*11:00am*

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### WELCOME

## *CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP*

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THE SOLID ROCK

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### HOLY BAPTISM

Keaton Gram Henry  
*Son of Adam & Lindsay Henry*

### HYMN NO. 611

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

### TIME OF PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lead Me On the Paths of Righteousness  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Pepper Choplin

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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**

## 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 **Eastwood Forest Baptist 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.*

## WOODWIND QUINTET

Deborah Morrison, *Flute*; Eric Myers, *Oboe*;  
Leslie Niessner, *Clarinet*; Wendi Moskowitz, *Horn*;  
Parker Rosenblatt, *Bassoon*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

### SCUBA VBS—DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

A special thank you to the amazing volunteers and staff who made this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) a success!

295 kids and nearly 130 volunteers came together at SCUBA VBS to be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! They spent the week exploring God's goodness through skits, bible stories, songs, games, snacks, and more.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Recipients

*Jacylyn Davis*  
*Kemar Whitton*



### 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)

## *SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES*

### *The Good Life ... The God Life: Exploring the Subtle, Subversive and Sublime Way of Jesus from Matthew 5:1-12*

Where do you look for the good life? Do you find it in having a good time? Buying a big house? A new car? Getting the corner office? That next promotion? Enjoying the perfect relationship?

Most of us don't look for the good life where we should. Rather, deep abiding happiness is found in the most unusual of places. Jesus said you will find it when you are spiritually bankrupt, when you grieve with others, when you are persecuted, or when you work to resolve a conflict.

Now doesn't that sound crazy? Perhaps, the best way to find the good life is to look where Jesus said it is found. But there's a warning attached: To look for the good life where Jesus looks is serious business. Such a search is not for the faint of heart.

Join us beginning June 30 in our search for The Good Life ... The God Life. Each week our journey will be full of unusual and piercing insights into Jesus' answer for this age-old quest. We are hopeful you'll see the Bible verses, most commonly known as the Beatitudes, as fresh and meaningful as they were the day Jesus uttered them. This summer worship series just might change your view of what it means to flourish and challenge you to seek The Good Life ... The God Life in all the right places.

### *June 30—September 1*

July 28: *The Blessed Longing*

August 4: *The Circle of Mercy*

August 11: *A Heart of Pure Gold*

August 18: *Moments of Peace at Troublesome Boundaries*

August 25: *Against All Odds*

September 1: *The Good Life Transformed*

Matthew 5:6

Matthew 5:7

Matthew 5:8

Matthew 5:9

Matthew 10-12a

Matthew 5:1-12/  
Philippians 4:4