

# THE GOOD LIFE

## *The Good Life*

“THE CIRCLE OF MERCY”

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 4, 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.



*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](https://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.)*  
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# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 4, 2024

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

8:15am

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

Romance

Claude Debussy

*Suzanne Harmon, Cello; Jesse Roberts, Piano*

### WELCOME

## CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

### \*OPENING HYMN, NO. 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TIME OF PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Summer Song

Frank Bridge

*Suzanne Harmon, Cello; Jesse Roberts, Piano*

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-7

### MESSAGE

“The Good Life...The God Life: The Circle of Mercy”

*Rev. Corey Milliet*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 355

Depth of Mercy

CANTERBURY

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

Postlude on KELVINGROVE (Will You Come and Follow Me?)

Scottish Melody

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Corey Milliet; Rev. Paul Craig

Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts; Kathy White, Music Ministry

Associate/Organist; Suzanne Harmon, Cello; Jesse Roberts, Piano; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director;

Chuck DeLong, Screens; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator; Jonnie Hildreth, Lay Reader

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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*August 4, 2024*

*9:30am*

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## *Welcome & Greeting*

### **\*Musical Praise**

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

*Nitty Gritty Dirt Band*

God So Loved

*We The Kingdom*

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

**Announcements/Prayer/Offering**

**A Song of Giving**

Mercy

*Elevation & Maverick City*

## *The Word*

### **Lessons**

Matthew 5:1-7

### **Message**

“The Good Life...The God Life: The Circle of Mercy”

*Rev. Corey Milliet*

## *Response*

### **\*Holy Communion**

### **\*Musical Praise**

Great Are You Lord

*All Sons & Daughters*

### **\*Blessing**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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**Rev. Corey Milliet; Rev. Paul Craig**

**John Biggers, Contemporary Worship Associate; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director;**

**Donna Balisado, Screens; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator;**

**Contemporary Praise Team**

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Prayer for Mercy

Jonathan Reid

*Sanctuary Choir*

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#### Music at Communion

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Suzanne Harmon, *Cello*; Jesse Roberts, *Piano*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; David Wilkinson, *Screens*;  
Tom Amann, *Livestream*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Becky Yates, *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**

## 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 **Ebenezer 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.*

## INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

*Featuring over 25 MUMC Community Musicians!*

*Sunday, August 11 at 6pm in the Sanctuary*

Don't miss this chance to enjoy an evening of music featuring many of our very own MUMC instrumentalists. Open to all, no tickets necessary.

## COMING UP IN AUGUST

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| <b>AUGUST 13</b> | Disciple Bible Study<br><i>BEGINS IN AUGUST, Register on Realm by August 13!</i>   |
| <b>AUGUST 17</b> | Hug-A-Cop<br><i>Drop in 3-6PM, MT. MORIAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</i>  |
| <b>AUGUST 20</b> | Community Forum: Churches in Our Community Working for Racial Justice<br><i>7PM, MT. MORIAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</i>  |
| <b>AUGUST 25</b> | Backpack Blessings<br><i>AT MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM</i><br>Back 2 School Bash<br><i>LARGE PARKING LOT, Kids 3-5PM &amp; Youth 5-7PM</i><br><i>\$15 per child, \$50 max for a family 4+</i> |

**Events at [MatthewsUMC.org](https://www.MatthewsUMC.org)**



### 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*

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 5:8

Matthew 5:9

Matthew 10-12a

Matthew 5:1-12/

Philippians 4:4