



# COME TO THE TABLE

JOHN 6:51-54, 58

**MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**September 1, 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.



**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.

*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

September 1, 2024

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

8:15am

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

Lord, Here Am I

*Organ & Piano Duet*

John Ness Beck

## WELCOME

## *CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP*

### \*OPENING HYMN, NO. 660

God is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## TIME OF PRAYER

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness *with* Blest Be the Tie That Binds

David Kidwell

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## *THE WORD*

## SCRIPTURE

John 6:51-54, 58

## MESSAGE

“Come to the Table“

*Rev. Paul Craig*

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

### \*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Music at Communion

Dawn of Peace

*MUMC Flute Choir; Cello*

Pope

### \*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

Majestic Praise

*Organ & Piano Duet*

arr. Dick Bolks

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Paul Craig; Amy DeVore

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*; Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate/Organist*; Jesse Roberts, *Piano*;  
Suzanne Harmon, *Cello*; MUMC Flute Choir (*names on back*); Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*;  
Nancy Harris, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Jonnie Hildreth, *Lay Reader*

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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*September 1, 2024*

*9:30am*

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## *Welcome & Greeting*

### **\*Musical Praise**

You've Already Won

*Shane & Shane*

My Jesus

*Anne Wilson*

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

**Announcements/Prayer/Offering**

**A Song of Giving**

Abide

*Worship Initiative*

## *The Word*

### **Lessons**

John 6:51-54, 58

### **Message**

"Come to the Table"

*Rev. Paul Craig*

## *Response*

### **Holy Communion**

### **\*Musical Praise**

To the Table

*Zach Williams*

### **\*Blessing**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Rev. Paul Craig; Amy DeVore**

**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

*September 1, 2024*

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

*11:00am*

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

Lord, Here Am I  
*Organ & Piano Duet*

John Ness Beck

### WELCOME

## *CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP*

### \*OPENING HYMN, NO. 660

God is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TIME OF PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord Always  
*Sanctuary Choir*

K. Lee Scott

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## *THE WORD*

### SCRIPTURE

John 6:51-54, 58

### MESSAGE

"Come to the Table"

*Rev. Paul Craig*

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

### \*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Music at Communion

Dawn of Peace  
*MUMC Flute Choir; Cello*

Pope

### \*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

Organ Fanfare

William Mathias

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

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Jesse Roberts, *Piano*; MUMC Flute Choir (*names on back*); Suzanne Harmon, *Cello*; Joel Mullis, *Worship  
Production Director*; David Wilkinson, *Screens*; Tom Amann, *Livestream*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*;  
Kimberly Jones, *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:*

**Julie Jones upon the death of her brother.**

**Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship**

Let us pray that **Golden Acres 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.*

## Please Welcome Eon Malan!

*Music Ministry Associate & Organist*

Eon, originally from Johannesburg, South Africa, holds a Master of Music in Organ (cum laude) from Stellenbosch University and additional diplomas in Organ Performance, Hymnology, and Church Music. This year celebrates his 30th year as organist. His career has taken him across continents, performing in New Zealand, the United Kingdom, South Africa, and in the United States.

In 2019, he was an exchange student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and fell in love with the Queen City. In 2020, he relocated to New Zealand where he was appointed Assistant Organist and Director of Communications at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Hamilton, concurrently taking on the role of music teacher at St Peter's School in Cambridge. However, his journey took him back to Charlotte in April 2023, where he is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care & Counseling, further enriching his multifaceted career in music and spirituality. The past year he was serving as Organist and Director of Handbells at Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church.

## MUMC FLUTE CHOIR

*Craig Estep, Director*

Flutes: *Sue Demick, Janice Mangum, Deborah Morrison,  
Leslie Niessner, Sarah Sheffield*



MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WE WILL TRANSFORM THE WORLD, ONE LIFE AT A TIME.

## 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)

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## 2024/2025 MUSIC SEASON

### Adults

Get involved in the Sanctuary Choir, MUMC Orchestra, The Joyful Ringers (handbell choir), Melody Makers, MUMC Brass, Flute Choir, and more!

Email Craig Estep at [Craig@matthewsumc.org](mailto:Craig@matthewsumc.org)

### Children & Youth

Children's Choir (grades 1-6), Cherub Choir (ages 3-5), Children's Chimes (grades 3-5), The Ringtones (handbells, grades 6-8). Register on Realm or email Shannon Remley at [ShannonR@matthewsumc.org](mailto:ShannonR@matthewsumc.org)  
Youth Praise Team - Email John Woodall at [John@matthewsumc.org](mailto:John@matthewsumc.org)

All offerings free of charge!

For more details, visit [MatthewsUMC.org](https://MatthewsUMC.org)

## COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

- SEPT 8** Meet the Pastors: Membership Interest Gathering  
3PM, Sanctuary Reception Area
- SEPT 19** MUMC Golf Outing: *Driving for a Better Community*  
Lunch at 11:00AM, shotgun start at 12:00PM, Dinner and Raffle at 5:00PM.  
The format will be Captain's Choice. Register now!
- SEPT 20** Parents Night Out  
6-8PM, \$10 per family for nursery, \$10 per child for ages 4 - 6th grade.  
Register online by Sept. 16th!
- SEPT 22** Global Impact: Poverty Simulation  
12:30PM, The Commons/Gym, Facilitated by Common Heart, appropriate for ages 14 & up

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

