

An Earthly Meal with an Eternal Message:

REJECTION IS TO BE EXPECTED

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2, 2025

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

February 2, 2025

4th Sunday in Epiphany

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
The Joyful Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 618

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Creatures of Our God and King
The Joyful Ringers

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-30

MESSAGE

“An Earthly Meal with an Eternal Message:
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Rev. Linda Kelly

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Music at Communion

Aria from Suite Antique
Sue Demick, Flute

John Rutter

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 453

More Love to Thee, O Christ MORE LOVE TO THEE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Someone's Singing, Lord (*Kum Ba Yah*)†

arr. John A. Behnke

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

† - Musical selection made in honor of Black History Month

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Linda Kelly; Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II;

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*; Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate/Organist*;

The Joyful Ringers (*names on back*); Sue Demick, *Flute*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Chuck DeLong, *Screens*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Katrina Larrison, *Lay Reader*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

February 2, 2025

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

*Musical Praise

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerksen

My Feet Are on the Rock

I Am They

*Passing the Peace

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

Thank God I Do

Lauren Daigle

The Word

Lesson

Luke 4:14-30

Message

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Response

*Holy Communion

*Musical Praise

Come As You Are

David Crowder

*Blessing

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Linda Kelly; Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II;
John Biggers, *Interim Director of Contemporary Worship*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Donna Balisado, *Screens*;
Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Contemporary Praise Team

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 2, 2025

4th Sunday in Epiphany

11:00am

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer of Communion
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mary McDonald

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The Joyful Ringers (*names on back*); Sue Demick, *Flute*; Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*;

David Wilkinson, *Screens*; Tom Amann, *Livestream*; Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*;

David Smith, *Lay Reader*; Grace & Aaron Jordan, *Acolytes*

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:

Family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that **Mount Lebanon 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.

CLOSED CAPTIONING—*Live During Worship!*

To access the live closed captioning service, first be sure you are connected to WiFi or to a data plan that allows for browsing on your personal device! Next, scan the QR code below on your device (tablet or smartphone) for your respective worship service (8:15, 9:30, or 11:00), and a session will open in your browser. Here, you will be able to personally customize the font size & color, as well as background color for your closed captioning experience.



8:15 Service



9:30 Service



11:00 Service



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

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THE JOYFUL RINGERS

Craig Estep, Director

Mellie Friend, Robin Havican, Susie Verrill, Maxine Starner, Annette Clary, Chrissie Hackett, Julie Harris, Lee Cornell, Karen Price, Tom Amann, Sarah Sheffield, Liz Mockler, Jan Moynihan, Steven Beaver

The sanctuary flowers have been given to the glory of God by Patti & Clayton Jones in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

UPCOMING—FEB. 16th & 23rd, and MARCH 2nd
Global Impact Series: *“Trust”*



Serving Opportunity

USHERS NEEDED
AT ALL WORSHIP SERVICES
8:15, 9:30, & 11:00

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