



MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 9, 2025

Global Impact Commitment Card baskets will remain in place in the Sanctuary for Sundays March 9th & March 16th.

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

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727

J.S. Bach

Wes Broome, Trombone

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Kyrie for Lent

Schutte

Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

It Is Well

arr. Kenneth Downie

Wes Broome, Trombone

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

*SCRIPTURE

Daniel 3:19-28

MESSAGE

“Shaping the Virtuous Heart: Courage”

Rev. Linda Kelly

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 533

We Shall Overcome

MARTIN

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Goin' Home (New World)

arr. Phil Lehenbauer

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Linda Kelly

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

Wes Broome, Trombone; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Nancy Harris, Screens;

Jonnie Hildreth, Guest Worship Coordinator; Katrina Larrison, Lay Reader

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

*Musical Praise

Fear Is Not My Future

Maverick City Music

Our God

Matt Redman

*Passing the Peace

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

No Longer Slaves

Jonathan David Helser

The Word

Lesson

Daniel 3:19-28

Message

“Shaping the Virtuous Heart: Courage”

Rev. Linda Kelly

Response

*Musical Praise

Show Me Your Glory

Kathy Frizzell

*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*; Jonnie Hildreth, *Guest Worship Coordinator*;

Contemporary Praise Team

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

11:00am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

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Wes Broome, Trombone

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

His Eye Is On the Sparrow†

arr. Martin Green

Jonathan Nussman, Baritone

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Kyrie for Lent

Schutte

Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Strong and of Good Courage

Frederick Swann

Sanctuary Choir; Steven Beaver, Tenor

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† - Selection of composer/tune made in honor of Women's Month.

Civilla Durfee Holden Martin (1866–1948) was a Canadian-American hymn writer of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Her well-known works include “God Will Take Care of You,” “His Eye Is on the Sparrow,” and “The Old Fashioned Way.”

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Rev. Linda Kelly; Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts; Eon Malan, Music Ministry

Associate/Organist; Wes Broome, Trombone; Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Nussman, Baritone; Joel Mullis,

Worship Production Director; Tom Amann, Screens; David Wilkinson, Production Assistant;

Jonnie Hildreth, Guest Worship Coordinator; Mike Horai, 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:

Family and friends of Betty Sain, upon her death.

Jim Moubray, upon the death of his brother.

Family and friends of Betty Treadaway, upon her death.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that **Next Level 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 ROUGH-HEWN CROSS

The *SEASON OF LENT* is a time of *PREPARATION* for sharing in Jesus' death and resurrection. The *ROUGH-HEWN CROSS* reminds us of Jesus' death by crucifixion. It was that death, the most dreaded in the ancient world, that Jesus endured for *OUR* salvation.

The *ROUGH-HEWN CROSS* best reveals Christ's glory. In a world filled with poverty, famine, terror and death, this cross can be a powerful statement of the Church's commitment to carry out Jesus' ministry.



CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER 2025

PANCAKE SUPPER

SHROVE TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 5:00-7:30 PM IN THE COMMONS/GYM

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 5, 7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY WITH GUEST PASTOR REV. JOSH NOBLITT

DRAW CLOSE: A CREATIVE LENTEN STUDY

THURSDAYS, MARCH 6-APRIL 17, 11 AM-12 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT ONLINE LENTEN STUDY GROUP FOR WOMEN

"24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD" STARTING MARCH 6, 6:30 PM

UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP

MARCH 9, 9:30 AM & SPECIAL APRIL 6 DATE IN THE GYM, 9:30 AM

MUMC BUTTERFLY PROJECT

REGISTER FOR CATERPILLARS BY MARCH 23 & PICK-UP MARCH 30, 9 AM-12 PM

"IT'S A PARTY" WOMEN'S BRUNCH WITH KRISTIN MOCKLER YOUNG

MARCH 29, 9 AM -12 PM - INSPIRATION, CONNECTION & EMPOWERMENT

JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE

PALM SUNDAY EXPERIENCE APRIL 13, BETWEEN SERVICES IN THE COMMONS

MAUNDY THURSDAY "THE LAST SUPPER" WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 17, 7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY LED BY RAINBOW EXPRESS MINISTRIES

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

APRIL 18, 7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT - GAMES, INFLATABLES, PRIZES & MORE

APRIL 19, 6-8PM (6:30 NURSERY-AGE 5, 7:00 AGE 6-12 & 7:30 PM AGE 13-ADULT)

EASTER WORSHIP - APRIL 20

6:30 am Sunrise Service (*Sanctuary Lot*)

8:15 & 11:00 am Traditional, 9:30 am Contemporary

9:30 am Kids & Family Easter Jam (*Gym*), 10:30 am Butterfly Release (*Courtyard*)

Centro Cristiano Hosannah en Español: 6:30 am (*Eagle's Nest*) & 12:30 pm (*Sanctuary*)

