



MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 23, 2025

EASTER LILIES

To dedicate an Easter Lily in celebration or memory of a loved one, please register on Realm by April 13th.
From Connect: Go to Events and search "Easter Lily—Order Form" and follow the prompts to complete your registration.
Cost: \$10 per plant

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 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

8:15am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Adoration†

Florence B. Price

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 111

How Can We Name a Love

TERRA BEATA

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Kyrie for Lent

Schutte

Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love is This?

arr. Raymond H. Haan

Suzanne Harmon, Cello

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8

MESSAGE

“Shaping the Virtuous Heart: Justice”

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 355

Depth of Mercy

CANTERBURY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on TERRA BEATA

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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

Florence Beatrice Price (1887–1953) was an American composer, pianist, and teacher. The first African-American woman recognized as a symphonic composer, she was also the first to have a work performed by a major orchestra. She wrote over 300 pieces, and in 2009, a trove of her works was discovered in her abandoned summer home.

"Adoration" means deep love, respect, or worship. It can refer to intense admiration for someone, such as how a fan adores a musician, or to religious worship, like the adoration of God in a spiritual context.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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

Suzanne Harmon, Cello; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Chuck DeLong, Screens;

Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator; Jonnie Hildreth, Lay Reader

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

March 23, 2025

9:30am

Welcome & Greeting

*Musical Praise

Child of Love

Ed & Scott Cash

Your Love Never Fails

Jesus Culture

*Passing the Peace

Announcements/Prayer/Offering

A Song of Giving

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Crocker & Houston

The Word

Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

Message

“Shaping the Virtuous Heart: Justice”

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

*Musical Praise

Come Thou Fount

arr. Shane Barnard

*Blessing

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson; Rev. Linda Kelly
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

March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

11:00am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*PRELUDE

Aria 'O hoofd, bedekt met wonden'
String Quartet; Eon Malan, Organ

arr. Martin Mans

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN, NO. 111

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ANTHEM

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arr. Raymond H. Haan

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Kyrie for Lent

Pastoral Prayer

Schutte

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Depth of Mercy
Sanctuary Choir; String Quartet; Eon Malan, Piano

David Rasbach

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Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts; Eon Malan, Associate Minister of Music & Organist; Sanctuary Choir; String Quartet (names on back); Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Tom Amann, Screens;*

David Wilkinson, Production Assistant; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator;

Grace & Aaron Jordan, Acolytes; Darlene Prestbo, 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 those who have lost loved ones.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that **Pleasant Plains 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](https://www.MatthewsUMC.org)

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THE SPIKES

Today, *THREE SPIKES* are placed on the *ROUGH-HEWN CROSS*. Over the centuries, the Romans perfected the art of crucifixion. They were professionals in this grisly mode of torture and death. They knew exactly where to drive the *SPIKES* to cause minimal bleeding and damaged tissue — but maximum pain.

This *SEASON OF LENT* we remember the incredible suffering endured by Jesus.

STRING QUARTET

Violin: *Judy Meister, Leigh Marsh*

Viola: *Laci Wargo*

Cello: *Suzanne Harmon*

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*)

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POWERFUL MESSAGE • BRUNCH • COMMUNITY

It's A Party!

A MORNING OF INSPIRATION AND MOTIVATION FOR ALL WOMEN

MARCH 29, 2025
9:30AM - NOON
AT MATTHEWS UMC



REGISTER NOW!
CLOSES MARCH 23



Guest Speaker:
Kristin Mockler Young

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REGISTER BY: MARCH 23
PICK-UP ON: MARCH 30

THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT



Caterpillars: \$4 each
Habitat: \$12 each
(Will hold up to 4 caterpillars)



SCAN ME

Special Butterfly Release
Easter Sunday at 10:30AM

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