

# MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## April 6, 2025



# Welcome!

If you're visiting for the first time, we'd love to connect with you! Please complete the **Guest Welcome Form** at [MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started](https://MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started) and stop by the **Welcome Center** to receive your visitor gift.

For families with children, **Praise Packs** are available in the **Reception Area & Welcome Center**. These special activity bags, designed for kids ages 3–6 and 7–12, help engage them in worship.

### UNITED KIDS Family Worship - Today at 9:30 in the Gym

#### EASTER LILIES - \$10 per plant

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.*



#### MOBILE CHECK-IN & ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to download our **Realm Connect Church App** and stay connected with events, registrations, groups, the church directory, and more! You can also sign in, sign up, or learn more by visiting [MatthewsUMC.org/Realm](https://MatthewsUMC.org/Realm).

For those without a smartphone, a check-in station is available at the **Welcome Center**, and attendance books can be found in each pew for guests and members to register their presence.



#### EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & ONLINE BULLETIN

Stay informed with the latest ministry opportunities and access the bulletin through the [Celebration Newsletter](#).

*Printed copies are available at the Welcome Center.  
Thank you for helping us reduce paper waste!*

# Our Prayers

*In care and sympathy, we lift up:*

**Carol Jackson**, upon the death of her mother.

**Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship**

Let us pray that **Providence Presbyterian 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.*

## CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER 2025

### 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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## 5th SUNDAY IN LENT - THE SIGN

Today the sign "**INRI**" is placed on the **CROSS**. The letters "**INRI**" are the initial letters for the words in Latin: Jesus (Jesus); Nazarenes (of Nazareth); Rex (King); Iudaeorum (of the Jews). The Jews had told Pilate that Jesus claimed to be



king. Pilate ordered a **SIGN** be made on which was inscribed the crime for which he sentenced Jesus to die: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Pilate ordered the **SIGN** to be carried by a soldier in front of Jesus on the way to the place of crucifixion and to be nailed to the cross above Jesus' head. This **SEASON OF LENT**, we find ourselves in the presence of the **ONE** who followed the **SIGN**. May we always remember!

## COLOR IT BLUE

Sunday April 6 is **Color It Blue** day. It is to honor those survivors of domestic abuse and other crucial events for those folks who are suffering.

Stand up, speak out & show your support this April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month!

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

8:15 am

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## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

arr. Anna Laura Page

## WELCOME

## CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

### \*OPENING HYMN, NO. 378

*Amazing Grace (v. 1,3,6)*

AMAZING GRACE

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Kyrie for Lent

Pastoral Prayer

Schutte

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Pie Jesu from Requiem*

Ashley Broome, *Soprano*

Gabriel Fauré

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE WORD

### MESSAGE

"Faith: A Letter to my Grandchildren"

II Timothy 2:1-7

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Excerpt from *Passie en Paschen*

Jan Zwart

### \*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 298

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

Fugue on 'O Sacred Head, Now Wounded'

arr. Anton W. Leupold

*\*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

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

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*

Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate & Organist*

Neal Harper, *Worship Production Associate*; Chuck DeLong, *Screens*

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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April 6, 2025

9:30 am

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## Welcome & Greeting

### \*MUSICAL PRAISE

*Lord I Need You*  
*LifeSong*

Matt Maher  
Mark Hall

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER - OFFERING

### A SONG OF GIVING

*Plowshare Prayer*

Spencer LaJoye

## The Word

### MESSAGE

"Faith: A Letter to my Grandchildren"  
II Timothy 2:1-7

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

## Response

### \*HOLY COMMUNION

### \*MUSICAL PRAISE

*Here Again*

Elevation

### \*BLESSING

*\*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

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Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson; Rev. Linda Kelly

John Biggers, Interim Director of Contemporary Worship; Contemporary Praise Team

Neal Harper, Worship Production Associate; Donna Balisado, Screens

Tom Amann, Livestream; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

Pie Jesu from *Requiem*  
Ashley Broome, *Soprano*

Gabriel Fauré

## WELCOME

## CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 378

*Amazing Grace (v. 1,3,6)*

AMAZING GRACE

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ANTHEM

*Chorale - The Great Gate of Kiev*  
The Ringtones

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

### TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns  
Kyrie for Lent  
Pastoral Prayer

Schutte

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. John Leavitt

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### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE WORD

### MESSAGE

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II Timothy 2:1-7

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Spiegel im Spiegel*  
Amanda Turner, *Viola*

Arvo Pärt

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Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate & Organist*

The Ringtones (*names on back*); Neal Harper, *Worship Production Associate*

Tom Amann, *Livestream*; David Wilkinson, *Production Assistant*

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*; Will Wallace, *Acolyte*

# 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!

## Live CLOSED CAPTIONING DURING WORSHIP

Enhance your worship experience with **live closed captioning**!

How to Access:

1. **Connect to WiFi** or ensure your device (tablet/smartphone) has an active data plan.
2. **Scan the QR code** for your worship service (8:15 am, 9:30 am, or 11:00 am).
3. **A session will open** in your browser, where you can **customize** the font size, text color, and background color for optimal readability.

Enjoy a more accessible worship experience!

**8:15 am**



**9:30 am**



**11:00 am**



## THE RINGTONES

Annette Clary, Susie Verrill, *Directors*

Catie Crowgey, Lilly Crowgey, Rebecca Kamenick  
Madison Parkhurst, Riley Richardson, Sienna Thomas

## COME JUST AS YOU ARE - SUNDAY MORNINGS AT MUMC

8:15 am (Traditional), 9:30 am (Contemporary), 11:00 am (Traditional)  
9:30 am (United Kids Family Worship 2nd Sundays in the Gym)  
12:30 pm Centro Cristiano Hosanna (Servicio en Espanol)

9:30 am & 11:00 am Services Livestreamed at [MatthewsUMC.org](https://www.MatthewsUMC.org)



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