

# MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## April 13, 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.

## NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER FLOWER CROSS

*Remember to bring flowers from your garden to  
adorn the Cross on Easter Morning!*



### 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:*

**Kay Csehill**, upon the death of her sister.

**Daryl Ghent**, upon the death of his father.

**Mic Treadwell**, upon the death of his father.

**Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship.**

Let us pray that **REACH 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

### 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, INFLATBLES, PRIZES & MORE

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

CELEBRATE APRIL 20

# EASTER

10:30 BUTTERFLY



RELEASE

6:30 · SUNRISE SERVICE *in Sanctuary Lot*

8:15 & 11:00 · TRADITIONAL

9:30 · CONTEMPORARY

9:30 · KIDS & FAMILY EASTER JAM *in Gym*

*En Español* · 6:30am Sunrise *(Eagle's Nest)* · 12:30pm *(Sanctuario)*



EGG HUNT APRIL 19, 6-8 PM

Check website for Age Category Start Times

## PASSION/PALM SUNDAY - THE DRAPE

Purple is the traditional color associated with Lent. It is a color rich in symbolism. It is a deep, almost night-like color that focuses our thoughts on the fasting and repentance associated with the Lenten season. It is also a color of royalty, particularly the Roman emperors at the time of Christ. As an act of derision toward Our Lord, Pilate placed a purple robe on Jesus, whom he called "King of the Jews". **THE DRAPE** is a symbol representing Christ's royal lineage and focuses our attention on his suffering.

Although Lent is a time of somber reflection and sacrifice, the purple **DRAPE** reminds us of the hope of Christ's upcoming resurrection. Easter is approaching!

In April, **Brave Step** invites you to '**COLOR IT BLUE**' in observance of **Assault Awareness Month** and **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, as we stand together in support of survivors and prevention efforts.



# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2025

Passion/Palm Sunday

8:15 am

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## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*PRELUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

arr. Albert Troskie

## WELCOME

## CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 278

ELLACOMBE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Kyrie for Lent

Pastoral Prayer

Schutte

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

MUMC Orchestra

arr. Stan Pethel

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE WORD

### \*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:8-11

Nancy Campbell, *Lay Reader*

### MESSAGE

"Hope: At the Bottom of the Box"

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 368

THE SOLID ROCK

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

arr. Anna Laura Page

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*\*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*; MUMC Orchestra (*names on back*)

Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Nancy Harris, *Screens*

Jonnie Hildreth & Amy Ramsey, *Guest Worship Coordinators*

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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April 13, 2025

9:30 am

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## Welcome & Greeting

### \*MUSICAL PRAISE

*Hosanna*

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Brooke Ligertwood

Paul Baloche

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER - OFFERING

### A SONG OF GIVING

*All My Hope*

David Crowder

## The Word

### LESSON

Matthew 21:8-11

### MESSAGE

"Hope: At the Bottom of the Box"

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

## Response

### \*MUSICAL PRAISE

*Cornerstone*

Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan

Eric Liljero and Edward Mote

### \*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**

**Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Donna Balisado, Screens**

**Jonnie Hildreth & Amy Ramsey, Guest Worship Coordinators**

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2025

Passion/Palm Sunday

11:00 am

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MUMC Orchestra

arr. Stan Pethel

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### ANTHEM

*Look Who's Coming!*  
Children/Cherub Choirs

arr. Michael Bedford

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### TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns  
Kyrie for Lent  
Pastoral Prayer

Schutte

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Hope of the World*  
Sanctuary Choir

Kathryn Stephenson

### \*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

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Howard Nussman, *Lay Reader*

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Sanctuary Choir, Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Tom Amann, *Livestream*

David Wilkinson, *Production Assistant*; Julia Sain, *ASL Interpreter*

Jonnie Hildreth & Amy Ramsey, *Guest Worship Coordinators*

Kirk & Wade Moskowitz, *Acolytes*; Ashley Broome, *Director Childrens Choir*

Dori Peterman & Shannon Hurleigh, *Directors Cherub Choir*; Tina Fincher, *Accompanist*

# 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**



## MUMC ORCHESTRA

Craig Estep, *Director*

Sue Demick, Janice Mangum, Deborah Morrison, Mika Thani, Tika Thani, *Flute*  
Shannon Davis, Shannon Remley, David Hooten, Leslie Niessner, *Clarinet*  
Parker Rosenblatt, *Bassoon*; David Shepherd, Luke Shepherd, *Trumpet*  
Wendi Moskowitz, Kristy Karchner, *Horn*; Steven Beaver, *Trombone*  
Taylor McLendon, *Euphonium*; Ethan Crossley, *Tuba*; Grant Hughes, *Synthesizer*  
Greg Faucette, David Smith, Sarah Sheffield, *Percussion*; Jan Horai, *Piano*

## 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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