

# MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 1, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER | GRADUATION SUNDAY

## Called For This Season



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

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JUNE 1, 2025

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:15 AM

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

God Really Loves Us

David Crowder & Dante Bowe

## WELCOME

## CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

\*OPENING SONG

God of Revival

Phil Wickham

Youth Praise Team

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Connor Johnson

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Pastral Prayer

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gratitude

Brandon Lake

Youth Praise Team

## THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (CEB)

MESSAGE

“Called For This Season”

Rev. Corey Milliet

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving | The Lord’s Prayer

\*COMMUNION MUSIC

Reckless Love

Cory Ashbury

Youth Praise Team

## \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Reckless Love (Reprise)

Cory Ashbury

Youth Praise Team

*\*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

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

Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director; Chuck DeLong, Screens

Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator; Jonnie Hildreth, Communion Steward

Connor Johnson, United College-Age and Young Adult Associate

YOUTH & ALUMNI PRAISE TEAM

Abby Arndt, Madison Glasscock, Charlotte Whiteman, Guitars

Helena Hartley\*, Matthew Markus Cajon

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Parker Rosenblatt, Vocals & Guitar; Levi Whiteman, Keys (\* indicates High School Senior)

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

JUNE 1, 2025

COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30 AM

## \*PRELUDE

*God Really Loves Us*

David Crowder & Dante Bowe

## Welcome & Greeting

## \*MUSICAL PRAISE

*God of Revival*

*Graves into Gardens*

Youth Praise Team

Phil Wickham

Brandon Lake and Elevation Worship

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## FRIENDS IN FAITH

Connor Johnson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS | PRAYER | OFFERING

## A SONG OF GIVING

*Gratitude*

Youth Praise Team

Brandon Lake

## The Word

## LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (CEB)

## MESSAGE

"Called For This Season"

Rev. Corey Milliet

## Response

## \*HOLY COMMUNION

## \*MUSICAL PRAISE

*Reckless Love*

Youth Praise Team

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## \*BLESSING

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**ALTAR GUILD** | It takes a team to prepare our chancel and we need a few more people to join the newly formed Altar Guild.

**ACOLYTES** | We are searching for Acolytes grades 4th and up (needs to be able to carry the candle and light candles).

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities to serve our church, here's your chance.

Contact Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*  
email: [craig@matthewsumc.org](mailto:craig@matthewsumc.org)



## COLLEGE CONNECTION: FRIENDS IN FAITH

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# 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 **Shiloh 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.*

*Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the anniversary of Rick and Kathleen Benjamin*



**ALL ARE INVITED TO:**

## CAMP WILSON

**Pastor Chuck Wilson's Retirement Celebration**

**JUNE 8**



**MATTHEWS UMC**  
The Gym & Commons



**LITE BITES PROVIDED**

**DROP-IN FOLLOWING THE 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE**

See [MatthewsUMC.org/events/retirement](https://MatthewsUMC.org/events/retirement) for more details

KIDS.MATTHEWSUMC.ORG

## UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP

**SUNDAYS | 9:30AM**

**JUNE 8**  
**JULY 27\***

**AUGUST 24\***  
**SEPT 14**

\*SPECIAL DATE

ENGAGING WORSHIP FOR  
THE WHOLE FAMILY!

 **MUMC GYM**



**UNITED KIDS**  
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**JUNE IS  
NATIONAL PRIDE MONTH**

# From the Pastors and Congregation

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**8:15 AM**



**9:30 AM**



**11:00 AM**



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## 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)  
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# Volunteer

WITH  
**MATTHEWS UMC**  
THIS SUMMER!

VISIT  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION!



**RAINBOW EXPRESS CAMP**

JULY 7 - JULY 11



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JULY 21 - 25



**MUSIC & ARTS CAMP**

AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 8



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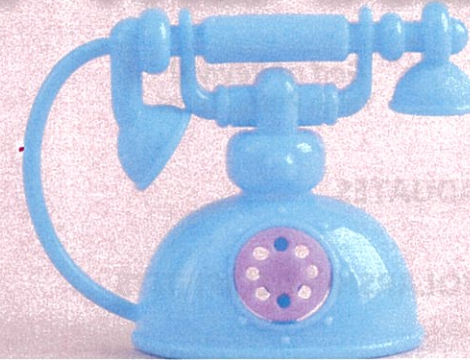
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# Celebration of Worship

June 1, 2025

11:00 AM

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+ **PRELUDE** *God Really Loves Us* David Crowder & Dante Bowe  
*The Light of Christ is brought into our service of worship.*

+ **GREETING**

## CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

\* **MUSICAL PRAISE** *God of Revival* Phil Wickham  
Youth Praise Team

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES** Rev. Corey Milliet

**RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** Rev. Corey Milliet

**FRIENDS IN FAITH** Connor Johnson

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Grace Lyerly

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *Gratitude* Brandon Lake  
Youth Praise Team

**CELEBRATION OF 2025 GRADUATES VIDEO**

## THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (CEB)**

**MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES**

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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\* **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Corey Milliet

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Reckless Love (Reprise)* Cory Asbury  
Youth Praise Team

*The Light of Christ is taken out into the world.*

+ Ushers will seat latecomers.

\* Please stand as able.

## Special Note to Graduates & Families

*Graduates are asked to make their way to The Courtyard following the worship service for a group photo and to pick up a special gift from United Youth Ministries.*

*Families and the congregation are invited to join the Graduates outside in The Courtyard as you exit the Sanctuary.*

*\*If it is raining, Graduates will gather in The Commons\**

## HOLY COMMUNION

\* At Matthews United Methodist Church, we practice our faith in the Wesleyan tradition and believe in an open Communion table. All who profess faith in Jesus Christ and seek to live in peace and fellowship with their neighbors are welcome.

\* Our method of receiving the sacrament (Intinction) is to come forward, hands outstretched, palms upward. Receive the element of bread, touch it lightly to the juice in the cup, and consume it. Pause for a time of reflection and prayer at the rail or you may return to your seat.

\* If you are uncomfortable receiving Communion by Intinction, please come forward to receive an individually-packaged cup (also gluten-free friendly) at the center aisle.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY



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UNITED KIDS VBS 2025

## VBS DONATIONS NEEDED!

HELP SUPPORT MATTHEWS UMC VBS 2025!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE NARTHEX OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY OR THE COMMONS TO PICK-UP A TREE FROM THE FOREST! EACH TREE HAS A DIFFERENT VBS 2025 REQUESTED DONATION. DONATION ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF OUTSIDE PASTOR COREY'S OFFICE.

TRUE NORTH JULY 21-25, 2025

Scan here for the Amazon Wishlist!

\*RETURN ITEMS BY JULY 13\*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ALIX@MATTHEWSUMC.ORG

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### WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Charles Wilson, Rev. Linda Kelly, Rev. Corey Milliet  
Grace Lyerly, Graduate  
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### Youth & Alumni Praise Team:

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### Communion Servers:

Ethan Crossley\*, Rob Hunter, Raymond Savage\*, Luke Shepherd\*, Beau Snider, & Lilly Trester\*  
Terry & Kathy Efrid, Communion Stewards  
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Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director

Tom Amann, Livestream; David Wilkinson, Production Assistant  
Susan Chambers, Lead Volunteer Worship Coordinator

\*A special thank you to all the families, small group leaders, Sunday school teachers, Confirmation Mentors, Pastors, volunteers, peers, Age-Leve Ministry Staff, and many others who played a vital role in the faith development and lives of these young people over the years!

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