

# MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 22, 2025  
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## 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.



### 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!*

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JUNE 22, 2025

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM

## WE GATHER

### CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

#### PRELUDE

In the Garden *with* Open My Eyes

arr. David Kidwell

#### WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship God,

People: For God is just and compassionate. God is love.

Leader: Where will we find God?

People: God is among the hungry and thirsty,  
in the face of a stranger, reaching out to us.

Leader: Let us seek God so that we can serve God.

People: Let us worship God and seek God's healing, reconciling grace.

#### † OPENING HYMN

No. 451 | Be Thou My Vision

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#### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881 | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

Be Thou My Vision

Craig VanArsdol, *Tenor*

arr. Nathan Pacheco

#### GODSTORY

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

# WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

## TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God's Spirit equips Jesus' followers to bring healing and hope to the world God loves. The gifts we offer God are tangible signs of that healing and hope at work in us and through us, for the sake of Christ our Lord.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**Be Thou My Vision** (8:15 AM)  
Craig VanArsdol, *Tenor*

arr. Nathan Pacheco

**Open My Eyes** (11:00 AM)  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. K. Lee Scott

## † RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | *Doxology*

OLD 100TH

# WE HEAR THE WORD

## † SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSVUE)

Jonnie Hildreth (8:15 AM); Ashley Broome (11:00 AM), *Lay Readers*

## SERMON

"Limited Vision"

Rev. Linda Kelly

## † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Creator God,  
The diversity in your creation amazes us  
but we confess we prefer what seems familiar.  
We'd like everyone to speak our language.  
We wish others held our values and shared our customs.  
We don't understand discrimination that hurts others.  
We don't recognize how our own preferences  
affect other people and the earth itself in harmful ways.  
Forgive our familiar assumptions,  
and open our minds and hearts to the stories of others  
and the cries of suffering throughout the earth. Amen.

## † CLOSING HYMN

No. 454 | *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

# WE GO OUT TO SERVE

## † BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Recessional on 'Be Thou My Vision'

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

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Rev. Linda Kelly; Rev. Bill Roth  
Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*  
Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate & Organist*; Sanctuary Choir  
Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*; Production Team  
Jonnie Hildreth, *Worship Coordinator*; David Bigham, *Acolyte Shepherd*

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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JUNE 22, 2025

9:30 AM

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## Welcome

### † MUSICAL PRAISE

Open the Eyes of My Heart  
Be Thou My Vision

Paul Baloche  
Rend Collective

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GODSTORY

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

### PRAYER | OFFERING

### A SONG OF GIVING

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

## The Word

### LESSON

Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSVUE)

### MESSAGE

"Limited Vision"

Rev. Linda Kelly

## Response

### † MUSICAL PRAISE

O Come to the Altar

Elevation Worship

### † BLESSING

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*† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

**Rev. Linda Kelly; Rev. Bill Roth**  
**Shelley Medford**, *Director of Contemporary Worship*  
**John Biggers**, *Associate Worship Leader; Contemporary Praise Team*  
**Joel Mullis**, *Worship Production Director; Production Team*  
**Jonnie Hildreth**, *Worship Coordinator*



# Our Prayers

In care and sympathy, we lift up...

**Family and friends of those  
who have lost loved ones.**

**Robert Hinson**, upon the death of his mother.  
**Meridith Gerlach**, upon the death of her father.

Prayers for a neighboring house of worship:  
let us pray that **Southern Korean 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.**



# Welcome

**TO OUR NEW  
EXECUTIVE PASTOR  
IN JULY**

**Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun**



# Upcoming Sermons

**SUN, JUNE 29**

Rev. Linda Kelly | "Foolish Choices"

**SUN, JULY 6**

Rev. Corey Milliet | "Altar of Grace"



**JUNE IS  
NATIONAL PRIDE MONTH**

# 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!

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## Live CLOSED CAPTIONING DURING WORSHIP

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Enjoy a more accessible worship experience!

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.

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)  
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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