

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 6, 2025

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | COMMUNION SUNDAY

ALTAR OF GRACE

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 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.

4TH OF JULY

CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE



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.

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

JULY 6, 2025

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Voluntary on 'America the Beautiful'
Greg Facuette, *Orchestral Chimes*

arr. Chad Staten

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

No. 697 | My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

† 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)

This is My Song
Men's Ensemble | Mike Horai, *Conductor*

arr. Jean Sibelius

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Call to Prayer: Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Men's Ensemble | Mike Horai, *Conductor*

arr. Joseph Linn

Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This is My Song (8:15 AM)
Mens Ensemble | Mike Horai, *Conductor*

arr. Jean Sibelius

Heal Our Land (11:00 AM)
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Tom Fettke

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology

OLD 100TH

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:2-6, 16 (NIV)

Jonnie Hildreth (8:15 AM) | Jessica Fraser (11:00 AM), *Lay Readers*

SERMON

"Altar of Grace"

Rev. Corey Milliet

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Epitaphe from '24 Pieces in Free Style'

Louis Vierne

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 696 | America the Beautiful

MATERNA

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue on 'The Star Spangled Banner'

arr. John K. Paine

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. Corey Milliet

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*

Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate & Organist* | **Sanctuary Choir**

Men's Ensemble | **Mike Horai**, *Conductor*

Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director* | **Chuck DeLong** (8:15 AM), *Screens*

David Wilkonson (11:00 AM), *Production Assistant* | **Tom Amann** (11:00 AM), *Livestream*

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator* | **David Bigham**, *Acolyte Shepherd*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

JULY 6, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome

- † MUSICAL PRAISE

We Believe

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Richie Fike, Matt Hooper, Travis Ryan

Joel Houston, Jonas Myrin
- † PASSING OF THE PEACE
- PRAYER | OFFERING
- A SONG OF GIVING

The Blessing

Elevation Worship

The Word

- LESSON

Ephesians 4:2-6, 16 (NIV)
- MESSAGE

“Altar of Grace”

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Response

- † HOLY COMMUNION
- † MUSICAL PRAISE

Way Maker

Sinach
- † BLESSING

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. Corey Milliet

Shelley Medford, *Director of Contemporary Worship*

John Biggers, *Associate Worship Leader* | **Contemporary Praise Team**

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

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*

Our Prayers

In care and sympathy, we lift up...

Family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

Randy Shirley, upon the death of his mother.

Prayers for a neighboring house of worship:

let us pray that **Southbrook Community 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.



WELCOMING PASTORS

David Christy & Susan Heafner-Heun

Matthews United Methodist Church joyfully welcomes two new pastors into our church family this July - Rev. David Christy as Senior Pastor and Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun as Executive Pastor.

Pastor David comes to Matthews from the Western NC Conference, where he has served as District Superintendent since 2020. A graduate of Pfeiffer University and Duke Divinity School, he has served churches across the state, including First UMC in Gastonia. He and his wife Pam have two grown children, both active in ministry.

Pastor Susan, a Charlotte native, brings a rich pastoral background including experience in large and small churches, as well as a new church start. She earned her Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry in Social Justice from Hood Theological Seminary. Most recently, she served The Vine UMC and Christ UMC in Charlotte. She and her husband John live in Waxhaw with their two children.

These new appointments represent a generational shift in leadership and a continued commitment to ministry rooted in love, justice, and community. Please join us in worship starting July 13 to welcome Pastor David and July 20, Pastor Susan.

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UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS | 9:30AM

JULY 27*
AUGUST 24*

SEPT 14
OCT 12

*SPECIAL DATE

ENGAGING WORSHIP FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!

📍 MUMC GYM



UNITED KIDS

From the Pastors & 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**!

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



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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