

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 20, 2025

6TH 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 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.

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 20, 2025

8:15 AM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Rejoice, O Nations, Praise the Lord (Psalm 47)

Louis Bourgeois
arr. John Reid Coulter

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

No. 103 | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST DENIO

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 887 | From Romans 8:35, 37-39

LEADER: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

PEOPLE: No! In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)
Kelly Smith, *Alto*

arr. Bob Kauflin, David Zimmer

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns

Call to Prayer: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (11:00 AM)
Sanctuary Choir

WHELPTON

Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Will Keep You (Psalm 121) (8:15 AM)
Kelly Smith, *Alto*

arr. Bob Kauflin, David Zimmer

He Never Failed Me (11:00 AM)

Sanctuary Choir | Members of Melody Makers | Robert Tanner, *Tenor*

arr. Robert Ray

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology

OLD 100TH



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-28 (NRSV)

Bill Campbell (8:15 AM) | Mike Horai (11:00 AM), *Lay Readers*

SERMON

"Hope In Chaos: Rejoice In Suffering"

Rev. David Christy

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 546 | The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Majestic Is Your Name

Michael W. Smith
arr. Peggy Bettcher



YOU'RE INVITED TO A MOMENT OF PRAYER

During the final hymn, we warmly invite you to come to the **altar rail** for a time of prayer. Whether you're seeking comfort, guidance, or simply a quiet moment with God, this sacred space is open to you. If you would like a pastor to pray with you, please raise your hand as you kneel. Otherwise, we honor this as your personal time with God.

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. David Christy | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*

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

Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director* | **Nancy Harris** (8:15 AM), *Screens*

Tom Amann (11:00 AM), *Livestream* | **David Bigham**, *Acolyte Shepherd*

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

JULY 20, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome

- † MUSICAL PRAISE

Great Are You Lord
Faithful Now

All Sons & Daughters
Vertical Worship
- † PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER | OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING

Do It Again

Elevation Worship

The Word

- LESSON

Colossians 1:15-28 (NRSV)
- MESSAGE

“Hope In Chaos: Rejoice In Suffering”

Rev. David Christy

Response

- † MUSICAL PRAISE

No Longer Slaves

Bethel Music
- † BLESSING

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Rev. David Christy | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun
John Biggers, Associate Worship Leader | Tim Martin, Drums
Dimitriy Soloshenko, Bass | Ed Scholl, Piano | Maggie Fraser, Vocals
Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Tom Amann, Screens
Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator

Our Prayers

In care and sympathy, we lift up...

Family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

Sue Grimm, upon the death of her brother.

Family and friends of Sylvia Belk, upon her death

Reba Funderburk, upon the death of her mother.

Please lift up **Stallings Church**, that their ministry may flourish and be richly blessed.

Also remember those in our church family with special needs and concerns.



Upcoming Sermons



JULY 27

"Hope In Chaos: Stay Focused"

AUGUST 3

"and Mermaids..."



SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

Our construction window for the Sanctuary Renovation project is planned to be from Monday, August 11 until Tuesday, November 25.

Worship services, including CCH at 12:30 PM, will be moved to the Gym, with overflow space in The Commons, starting Sunday, August 17.

MUMC MUSIC TEAM

Craig Estep, *Director*

Janice Mangum, *Flute* | Wendi Moskowitz, *Horn*

Steven Beaver, Wes Broome, *Trombone* | John Biggers, *Bass Guitar*

David Smith, *Drums* | Will Thames, Kathy White, *Piano*

Special thank you to members of the Melody Makers

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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