

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 27, 2025

7TH 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.

TODAY: UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP | 9:30 AM | GYM



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 27, 2025

8:15 AM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Sound the Trumpet
Jevone Primus, David Brewer, *Trumpets* (11:00 AM)

Henry Purcell

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

No. 559 | Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 883 | A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM (11:00 AM)

Merciful God
Patti Jones, *Soprano*

arr. Craig Courtney

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

Merciful God (8:15 AM)
Patti Jones, *Soprano*

arr. Craig Courtney

God is Our Refuge (11:00 AM)
Sanctuary Choir | MUMC Music Team

arr. Allen Pote

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology

OLD 100TH



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 2:6-19 (NRSVUE)

Nancy Campbell (8:15 AM) | Robin Bigham (11:00 AM), *Lay Readers*

SERMON

"Hope In Chaos: Stay Focused"

Rev. David Christy

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 175 | Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

ST AGNES

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Make A Joyful Noise

Alan Viner



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 27, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome

- † MUSICAL PRAISE
- God is on the Move
- Grace on Top of Grace
- 7eventh Time Down Fellowship Church
- † PASSING OF THE PEACE
- PRAYER | OFFERING
- A SONG OF GIVING
- Show Me Your Glory
- Jesus Culture

The Word

- LESSON
- Colossians 2:6-19 (NRSVUE)
- Rick Benjamin, Lay Readers
- MESSAGE
- "Hope In Chaos: Stay Focused"
- Rev. David Christy

Response

- † MUSICAL PRAISE
- Here I am to Worship
- Tim Hughes
- † BLESSING

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Rev. David Christy | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun | Rev. Roldan Flores
John Biggers, Associate Worship Leader | Grag Faucette, Drums
Bryant Crisp, Electric Guitar | Ed Scholl, Piano
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.

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

Also remember those in our church family with special needs and concerns. We pray for the care and protection of all serving in the military, emergency services, law enforcement, healthcare, long-term care, and education.



Upcoming Sermons



AUGUST 10
"The Journey of Faith"

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.

As construction begins on the Sanctuary, a team of people will be needed to set-up for the weekly worship services in the Gym.
Please sign up here: https://bit.ly/worship_setup



MUMC MUSIC TEAM

Craig Estep, *Director*

Jevone Primus, David Brewer, *Trumpet* | Wendi Moskowitz, *Horn*

Steven Beaver, *Trombone* | Wes Broome, *Bass Trombone*

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



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