

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 3, 2025

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | COMMUNION SUNDAY



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

AUGUST 3, 2025

8:15 AM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision (8:15 AM) arr. Zsolt Gárdonyi
Come Christians, Join to Sing (11:00 AM) arr. Kurt Meyer
Sarah Sheffield, *Handbells*

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

No. 361 | Rock of Ages Cleft for Me TOPLADY

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of the world’s chaos
People: **come to this place and find peace.**
Leader: When your mind is overwhelmed with what you see
People: **come to this place and find hope.**
Leader: If your heart is heavy, with fear, with worry, with sorrow,
People: **come to this place and find strength.**
Leader: As you long for community in a world that is torn apart,
People: **come to this place and find love.**

Leader: Come people of God,
and in this place, in this moment,
People: **find peace, hope, strength and love,**
as we worship together.

(inspired by by Rev. Nora Vedress,
Calvary United Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada)

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

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

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Christians, Join to Sing (8:15 AM) arr. Kurt Meyer
Sarah Sheffield, *Handbells*
Be Thou My Vision (11:00 AM) arr. Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology OLD 100TH



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-11 (NRSVUE)

Katrina Larrison (8:15 AM) | Amy Ramsey (11:00 AM), *Lay Readers*

SERMON

"and Mermaids..."

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

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.

Jesus Shall Reign

Sarah Sheffield, *Handbells*

arr. Kurt Meyer

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 405 | Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

SEEK YE

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.

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale from 'How Great Thou Art'

arr. Martin Mans

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

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

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

AUGUST 3, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Raise a Hallelujah
Stand in Your Love

Jonathan and Melissa Helser
Josh Baldwin

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER | OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING

Desert Song

Brooke Ligertwood

The Word

LESSON

Colossians 3:1-11 (NRSVUE)
Rick Benjamin, Lay Reader

MESSAGE

"and Mermaids..."

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

Response

† HOLY COMMUNION

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Come As You Are

Crowder

During the final song, 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.

† BLESSING



† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun | Rev. David Christy
John Biggers, Associate Worship Leader | David Smith, Drums
Dimitriy Soloshenko, Electric Guitar | Ed Scholl, Piano | Maggie Frasier, Vocals
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.
Family and friends of Chuck Holmberg, upon his death.
Liz Mockler, upon the death of her brother.**

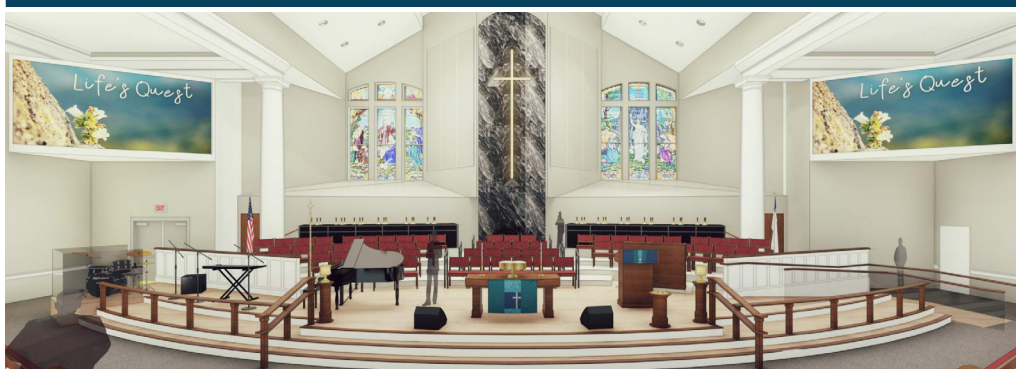
Please lift up **Temple Beth El**, that their ministry may flourish and be richly blessed.

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.



AUGUST 10
"The Journey of Faith"

AUGUST 17
"Weeding the Garden"



SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

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

All worship services, including Family Worship, will be in the GYM & THE COMMONS starting August 17.

8:15 AM
TRADITIONAL SERVICE
+ WEEKLY COMMUNION
THE COMMONS

9:30 AM
CONTEMPORARY
SERVICE
GYM

11:00 AM
TRADITIONAL
SERVICE
GYM

12:30 PM
CCH
SERVICE
GYM

Flowers in sanctuary are given to the
Glory of God in memory of
Kathy Smith's daughter, Tina Whitman



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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