

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 10, 2025

9TH 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

AUGUST 10, 2025

8:15 AM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Glorify Thy Name (8:15 AM) arr. Fred Bock

It is Well *with* Then Sings My Soul (11:00 AM) arr. Gary Lanier
Suzanne Harmon, *Cello* | Sue Demick, *Flute*

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

No. 710 | Faith of Our Fathers ST. CATHERINE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 392 | Prayer for a New Heart

Thou who art over us,
Thou who art one of us,
Thou who art:
Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;
a humble heart, that I may hear thee;
a heart of love, that I may serve thee;
a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation (11:00 AM) arr. John Leavitt
Sanctuary Choir

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

It is Well *with* Then Sings My Soul (8:15 AM) arr. Gary Lanier
Suzanne Harmon, *Cello* | Sue Demick, *Flute*

Good News (11:00 AM) arr. Tom S. Long & Allen Pote
Choir from Music & Arts Camp
Cassidy Broome | Chandler McGrath, *Soloists*

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology OLD 100TH



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16 (NRSVUE)

Charlene Bush (8:15 AM) | David Smith (11:00 AM), *Lay Readers*

SERMON

"The Journey of Faith"

Rev. David Christy

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 332 | Spirit of Faith Come Down

BEALOTH

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

How Firm A Foundation

arr. John Castel



† 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* | **David Wilkinson**, *Production Assistant*

Chuck DeLong (8:15 AM), *Screens* | **Tom Amann** (11:00 AM), *Livestream*

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

AUGUST 10, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome

† **MUSICAL PRAISE**
Your Grace Is Enough
Better Is One Day

Matt Maher
Matt Redman

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER | OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING
Trust in God

Elevation Worship

The Word

† **LESSON**
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"The Journey of Faith"

Rev. David Christy

Response

† **MUSICAL PRAISE**
How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin

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† **BLESSING**

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. David Christy | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun
John Biggers, Associate Worship Leader | David Smith, Drums
Dimitriy Soloshenko, Electric Guitar | Brian Lassahn, Bass | Kristen Williams, 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.

- **Mike Bare**, upon the death of his father.
- **Dennis & Nancy Toler**, upon the death of their son.
- Family and friends of **Lucile Winstead**, upon her death.
- Please lift up **Temple Israel**, 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,



Upcoming Sermons

AUGUST 17
"Weeding the Garden"

AUGUST 24
"Don't Bury The Lead!"

♪ A SPECIAL THANK YOU ♪

To our incredible Music & Arts team, volunteers, and helpers – thank you for making this year's **Music & Arts Camp** such a meaningful and joy-filled experience for our campers! Your dedication, creativity, and hard work made every moment of August 4–8 unforgettable – from the music and crafts to the laughter and learning. The closing presentation of "**The Sailor's Bible**" on Friday evening was a beautiful celebration of all that our children accomplished and a powerful reminder that God's love is greater than any storm. None of it would have been possible without each of you. Thank you for sharing your gifts and helping create memories that will last a lifetime!

SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

Today is our final Sunday in the Sanctuary before construction begins!

The renovation window is scheduled from
Monday, August 11 through Tuesday, November 25.

Beginning next Sunday, August 17, all worship services – including **Family Worship** – will be held in the **Gym** and **The Commons**. We look forward to worshipping with you in our temporary space as we embark on this exciting season of renewal.

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

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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