

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 17, 2025

10TH 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**.



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 17, 2025

THE COMMONS | 8:15 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

No. 117 | O God Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1, 2, 5)

ST. ANNE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881 | The Apostles' Creed

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

David Smith, *Tenor*

AMAZING GRACE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"Weeding The Garden"

Rev. David Christy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 707 | Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

† BENEDICTION



† 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*

Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

AUGUST 17, 2025

GYM | 9:30 AM

Welcome

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Fields of Grace
Lord I Need You

Darrell Evans
Matt Maher

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER | OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING

So Will I (100 Billion X)

Benjamin William Hastings

The Word

† LESSON

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"Weeding The Garden"

Rev. David Christy

Response

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Build My Life

Matt Redman

During the final song, we warmly invite you to come to the kneelers 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. David Christy | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

John Biggers, Associate Worship Leader | Tim Martin, Drums | Bryant Crisp, Electric Guitar

Dimitriy Soloshenko, Bass | Elizabeth Carpenton, Keys/Vocal | Maggie Fraser, Vocal

Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Donna Balisado, Screens

Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 17, 2025

GYM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

God of Love

arr. Albert Troskie

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

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ST. ANNE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881 | The Apostles' Creed

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

David Smith, *Tenor*

AMAZING GRACE

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Call to Payer | Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O God Our Help in Ages Past
Sanctuary Choir

arr. John Ferguson

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology

OLD 100TH

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"Weeding The Garden"

Rev. David Christy

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

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† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. David Christy | Lori Williams, Lay Liturgist

Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts | Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist

Sanctuary Choir | Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Tom Amann, Livestream

Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator | David Bigham, Acolyte Shepherd

Our Prayers

In care and sympathy, we lift up family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

- Please lift up **The Rock Worship Center**, 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 24
"Don't Bury The Lead!"

AUGUST 31
"Broken Cisterns or Flowing Fountains?"



SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

During the Sanctuary renovation (August 11 - November 25), 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

AUGUST 24*
*SPECIAL DATE
SEPT 14

OCT 12
NOV 9
DEC 14

**UNITED KIDS
FAMILY
WORSHIP**

SUNDAYS | 9:30AM

ENGAGING WORSHIP FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!

 **MUMC 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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