

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 31, 2025
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Broken Cisterns or Flowing Fountains?

JEREMIAH 2: 4-13

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 outside the Gym doors
(inside The Commons). These special activity bags, designed for kids ages 3-6 and 7-12,
help engage them in worship. **Sensory Bags** are available at the **Welcome Center**.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND



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 31, 2025

THE COMMONS | 8:15 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

WELCOME

† OPENING HYMN

No. 439 | We Utter Our Cry (v. 1, 2, 3)

HANOVER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881 | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† 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

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. Irish Melody, arr. Dan Kelley

Julie Harris, *Guitar* | Deborah Morrison, *Flute* | Shannon Davis, *Clarinet*

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology

OLD 100TH

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 2: 4-13 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"Broken Cisterns or Flowing Fountains?"

Rev. David Christy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 130 | God Will Take Care of You (v. 1, 2, 4)

MARTIN

† 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 31, 2025

GYM | 9:30 AM

Welcome

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Holy Water
Who You Say I Am

We the Kingdom
Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER | OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING

Broken Vessels

Joel T. Houston, Jonas Myrin

The Word

† LESSON

Jeremiah 2: 4-13 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"Broken Cisterns or Flowing Fountains?"

Rev. David Christy

Response

† MUSICAL PRAISE

The Potter's Hand

Darlene Zschech

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 | Greg Faucette, Drums | Ed Scholl, Piano
Brian Lassahn, Bass | Kristen Williams, Sue Oyach, Vocals
Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Donna Balisado, Screens
Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 31, 2025

GYM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

O Worship the King

arr. Phil Lehenbauer

WELCOME

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CHILDREN'S TIME

HOLY BAPTISM

Thomas Rizzo | Son of Marc & Christine Rizzo

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. Irish Melody, arr. Dan Kelley

Julie Harris, *Guitar* | Deborah Morrison, *Flute* | Shannon Davis, *Clarinet*

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Call to Prayer | Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Choose You

arr. Deborah Govenor

Sanctuary Choir | Shannon Davis, *Clarinet*

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POSTLUDE

March from *Meditaciones Religiosas*, Op. 122

Louis-J.A Lefébure-Wély

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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 **Threshold Church**, that their ministry may flourish and be richly blessed.
- Friends and family of **Jim Boyles**, upon his death.
- Friends and family of **Jack Stegall**, upon his death.
- **Barb Liddle**, upon the death of her sister.
- **Lisa Deese**, upon the death of her stepmom.
- **Velva Watts**, upon the death of her sister.
- 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 Sermon Series

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN A ME, MY, MINE WORLD

SEPTEMBER 7
"So Inclined?"

SEPTEMBER 14
"Don't Stop..."



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

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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