

# MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN A ME, MY, MINE WORLD

# 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](https://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**.



### 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](https://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 bul-  
letin through the [Celebration Newsletter](#).

*Printed copies are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping us reduce paper waste!*

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

THE COMMONS | 8:15 AM

## WE GATHER

### CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

### WELCOME

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship  
People: to remember who we are.  
Leader: We hear from Your Word  
People: our amazing origin story.  
Leader: God of grace  
People: remind us of who you created us to be.  
Leader: Jesus, our guide,  
People: show us how to break bread with one another.  
Leader: Spirit of Transformation,  
People: breathe into us the power of God's Church.  
Leader: Let us worship, collectively,  
People: as One Body. *by SAHH*

### † OPENING HYMN

No. 617 | I Come with Joy (v. 1, 2, 3) *AMAZING GRACE*

### † 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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us *arr. Benjamin Harlin*  
Philip Tate, *Tenor*

### † RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology *OLD 100TH*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### † SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 42-47 (NRSVUE)

### SERMON

"Let's Eat!" *Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### † CLOSING HYMN

No. 549 | Where Charity and Love Prevail (v. 1, 3, 6) *ST. PETER*

### † BENEDICTION

*† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

*Rev. David Christy, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun, Executive Pastor  
Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts | Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist  
Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, Worship Coordinators | Alix Arndt, United Kids Associate*

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

GYM | 9:30 AM

## Welcome

### † MUSICAL PRAISE

Blessed Be Your Name  
Trust In You

Matt Redman  
Lauren Daigle

### PRESENTATION OF FIRST GRADE BIBLES

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### PRAYER | OFFERING

### A SONG OF GIVING

God Really Loves Us

Crowder

## The Word

### † LESSON

Acts 2: 42-47 (NRSVUE)

### MESSAGE

"Let's Eat!"

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

## Response

### † MUSICAL PRAISE

All My Hope  
Stand In Your Love

Crowder  
Josh Baldwin

*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, Senior Pastor | Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun, Executive Pastor

Rev. Corey Milliet, Director of Age-Level Ministries

Byron Murphy, Director of Contemporary Worship | John Biggers, Associate Worship Leader

David Smith, Drums | Brian Lassahn, Bass | Sue Oyach, Vocals

Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Donna Balisado, Screens

Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator | Alix Arndt, United Kids Associate

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

GYM | 11:00 AM

## WE GATHER

### CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

#### PRELUDE

I Love God

arr. Wynand de Villiers

#### WELCOME

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Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

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#### POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

Caleb Simper

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Rev. Corey Milliet, *Director of Age-Level Ministries*

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts* | Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate & Organist*  
Sanctuary Choir | Joel Mullis, *Worship Production Director*

David Wilkinson, *Production Assistant* | Susan Chambers, *Worship Coordinator*  
David Bigham, *Acolyte Shepherd* | Grace & Aaron Jordan, *Acolytes*

Alix Arndt, *United Kids Associate*

# Our Prayers

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

- Please lift up **United House of Prayer**, that their ministry may flourish and be richly blessed.
- **Terrie Grose**, upon the death of her husband.
- 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.



## PRESENTATION OF FIRST GRADE BIBLES

Congratulations to all the **First Graders** who will receive their own NIV Bible today! Today, their parents/guardians will present them with a bible given by MUMC in the belief that spiritual growth is most fruitful when the church works in partnership with families and equips them as the Spiritual mentors of their children.



## 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**

**6:00 PM**  
YOUTH  
WORSHIP  
**THE COMMONS**



**SUICIDE  
PREVENTION**  
AWARENESS MONTH

# 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 (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.

WIFI (WPA2): MUMCguest

Password: methodist

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](https://MatthewsUMC.org)



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