

**OCTOBER 12, 2025**  
**18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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**prayers presence gifts service witness**

# Welcome!

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**.

**TODAY: UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP | 9:30 AM | GYM**



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.



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

OCTOBER 12, 2025

THE COMMONS | 8:15 AM

## WE GATHER

### CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

### WELCOME

### † OPENING PRAYER

No. 412 | Prayer of John Chrysostom  
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplication to you;  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together in his name,  
you will be in the midst of them.  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### † OPENING HYMN

No. 145 | Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

### † 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

A Hymn for a Peaceful World Jon Raybould  
Flute Ensemble

### † RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology OLD 100TH

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### † SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 (NRSVUE)

### SERMON

"The Power of Presence" Rev. David Christy

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### † CLOSING HYMN

No. 354 | I Surrender All (v. 1, 3, 5) SURRENDER

### † 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



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## † OPENING HYMN | No. 145

1

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2

Sweet the rain's new fall sin lit from heaven,  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

## † CLOSING HYMN | No. 354

1

All to Jesus I surrender;  
all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
in his presence daily live.

*Refrain*

*I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.*

3

All to Jesus I surrender;  
make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
truly know that thou art mine.

*Refrain*

5

All to Jesus I surrender;  
make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
truly know that thou art mine.

*Refrain*

# TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 12, 2025

GYM | 11:00 AM

## WE GATHER

### CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

#### PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
Flute Ensemble

Isaac Watts, arr. Amy Rice-Young

#### WELCOME

#### † OPENING PRAYER

No. 412 | Prayer of John Chrysostom

#### † OPENING HYMN

No. 145 | Morning Has Broken

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#### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### ANTHEM

A Hymn for a Peaceful World  
Flute Ensemble

Jon Raybould

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#### TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Call to Prayer | Pastoral Prayer

#### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Surrender All to You  
Sanctuary Choir

Mary McDonald

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No. 95 | Doxology

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"The Power of Presence"

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No. 354 | I Surrender All (v. 1, 3, 5)

SURRENDER

*During the final hymn, 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.*

#### † BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

John Darwall, arr. Adam Mason

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Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts | Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist  
Sanctuary Choir | Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director | Tom Amann, Livestream  
David Wilkinson, Production Assistant | Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator  
David Bigham, Acolyte Shepherd | Will Wallace, Acolyte

# Our Prayers

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

- Please lift up **704 Church**, 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.



## FLUTE ENSEMBLE

Sue Demick, Janice Mangum, Deborah Morrison, Sarah Sheffield, *Flutes*  
Suzanne Harmon, *Cello*



Flowers in the Gym are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 75th wedding anniversary of Walter & Mable Miller on October 14 - by their loving children and grandchildren (some beaming down from heaven).



## 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**



UPON REQUEST

## ASL INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer interpreters for American Sign Language. If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, please see one of our ushers for more details.

# 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.

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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)

6:00 PM Youth Worship (in the Commons)

\*Services Livestreamed at [MatthewsUMC.org](https://MatthewsUMC.org)



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