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Welcome!

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**.



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.



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 26, 2025

THE COMMONS | 8:15 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I say...Empty, shallow, scarce, hungry.
People: And God says...Abundant, full, overflow, plenty.
Leader: The world feels...dry, destroyed, shamed.
People: God responds by going ALL IN with breath, Spirit, salvation.
Leader: God of all, you give us all we need and you give it in abundance.
People: May we respond to your generosity with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
Leader: Let us go all in as we worship. *by SAHH*

† OPENING HYMN

No. 110 | A Mighty Fortress is Our God (v. 1, 3, 4) EIN FESTE BURG

† 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

Allegro from Trombone Duet No. 1 O. Blume
Wes Broome, Steven Beaver, *Trombone*

† RESPONSE TO GIVING

No. 95 | Doxology OLD 100TH

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joel 2: 23-32 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"When Life Gives you Locusts..." Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

No. 593 | Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD

† BENEDICTION

† Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun, Executive Pastor | Rev. Corey Milliet, Director of Age-Level Ministries
Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts | Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate & Organist
Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, Worship Coordinators

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 26, 2025

GYM | 9:30 AM

Welcome

† MUSICAL PRAISE

God of Wonders
Raise A Hallelujah

Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong
Jonathan David & Melissa Helser

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER | OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING

I Am the Man

Greg Ferguson

The Word

† LESSON

Joel 2: 23-32 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

"When Life Gives you Locusts..."

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

Response

† MUSICAL PRAISE

Great Are You Lord

All Sons & Daughters

*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. 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 | Bryant Crisp, Bass | Jennifer Gayle Hicks, Acoustic Guitar
Kristen Babb, Vocals | Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director & Electric Guitar
Martin Chapman, Sound Technician | Donna Balisado, Screens
Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator | Julia Sain & Jessica Bridges, ASL Interpreters

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 26, 2025

GYM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

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CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus Janice Kapp Perry
Children's Choir | Ashley Broome, *Director*

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TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns | Call to Prayer | Pastoral Prayer

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

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POSTLUDE

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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 | Rebecca Kamenick & Megan Thompson, Acolytes

Our Prayers

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

- Please lift up **Ben-Salem Presbyterian Church**, that their ministry may flourish and be richly blessed.
- **Mike Williams**, upon the death of his father.
- 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.



TROMBONE DUET

Wes Broome & Steven Beaver



CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Ashley Broome, *Director* | Eon Malan, *Piano*

A heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful children who sang with such joy and energy, and to the parents, volunteers, and helpers who made it all possible.

Your dedication, support, and enthusiasm bring life and music to our worship—thank you for sharing your gifts!

We'd also love to invite any children who enjoy singing to join our Children's Choir!

It's a fun and welcoming space to make music, learn together, and praise God through song. For more information, please contact Ashley@MatthewsUMC.org

ALL — CHURCH GATHERING

All In the Family of God

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

7 pm in The Commons

Refreshments &

Fellowship at 6:30 pm

Email Beth@MatthewsUMC.org by Oct 19 to Reserve Childcare for Kids 3 & Under.



*Event also Livestreamed
Link on Realm & Website

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
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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.

WiFi (WPA2): MUMCguest

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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



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