



PRELUDE	<i>In This Moment of Remembrance</i>	Dale Wood
† CALL TO WORSHIP	The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you. We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God. Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth. God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere. That we may share God’s love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ. The living Christ is with us. Praise the Lord!	
† HYMN 159	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	CRUCIFER
† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i> 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.	
† GLORIA PATRI 70	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	MEINEKE
	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.	

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

OFFERTORY (8:30) Aaron Weaver, cello	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	Wilbur Held
(11:00) Sanctuary Choir	<i>How Beautiful</i>	Twila Paris
	How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful is the body of Christ. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful that hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful is the body of Christ	

† DOXOLOGY 94	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN 614	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	FOR THE BREAD
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† SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Romans 13:8-14 (NIV)</i> ⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor.	
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Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Rev. Adam Sparks

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

† HYMN 617	<i>I Come With Joy</i>	DOVE OF PEACE
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† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY	<i>Postlude in G major</i>	George Frideric Handel
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† As you are able, please stand.

ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH extends a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ to all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest this morning, we are grateful for the opportunity to worship with you and hope you will return often.

YOGA CLASSES — Join us on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. for a welcoming, low-impact class designed to support flexibility, balance, and well-being. No experience is necessary.

YOUTH AND TWEENS ACTIVITIES — **Youth and tweens will NOT meet this evening**, since there is no school for JCPS tomorrow (Labor Day).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! — Our weekly evening of food, fellowship, and small group opportunities returns **this Wednesday, September 9**, beginning with dinner at 5:00 p.m. On the menus is rosemary chicken thighs, mac and cheese, green beans, and dessert. Dinner prices are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$25. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

FALLING UPWARD — A new Wednesday Night Live! small group beginning September 16, and based on the book of the same name by Richard Rohr. Led by Pastor Adam, this group will discuss a developing and mature faith that deals with even messy, difficult, and unexpected parts of life. What if the second half of life is not just about getting older, but about experiencing a new richness in our relationship with God? Participants are responsible for purchasing their own book, which is available in print, digital, and audiobook formats. Please email asparks@stmumc.org to RSVP.

- September 16: Introduction and Invitation to a Further Journey (No reading required)
- September 23: The Two Halves of Life (Chapters 1-3)
- October 7: When Life Gets Hard (Chapters 4-6)
- October 14: Everything Belongs (Chapters 7-9)
- October 21: Sadness and Shadows (Chapters 10-11)
- October 28: New Possibilities (Chapters 12-13)

WHATEVER WORKS WEDNESDAYS — The St. Matthews UMC Youth are excited to kick off Whatever Works Wednesdays! Any and all youth are welcome to come eat dinner, hang out in the youth suite, and do whatever they need to do!

Need to do homework? Got it!
Want Pastor Judy to beat you in Air Hockey? Done Deal!
Need a nap instead? That works too!

We will also have theme nights from time to time, with tournaments, messy games, or build-your-own ice cream sundaes! Keep an eye out for future announcements!

Want to know more about our youth program? Interested in volunteering? Contact Pastor Judy at jsaunders@stmumc.org.

Our MISSION is to strengthen Christian faith and service through our ministries, worship, and programs, calling all people to seek God, share the Gospel, and serve their neighbors.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters (8:30)	-----	Laura & Bob Slider
Greeters (11:00)	-----	Diane Koprowski,
Liturgist (8:30)	-----	Aaron Weaver
Liturgist (11:00)	-----	Gail Shaw
Communion Servers (8:30)	-----	Laura & Bob Slider, Aaron Weaver
Communion Servers (11:00)	-----	Gail & Dennis Shaw, Kay Krueger
Collection Steward (8:30)	-----	Rick Shafferman
Collection Steward (11:00)	-----	Tom Fuchs

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Adam Sparks	-----	Senior Pastor
Judy Noel Saunders	-----	Associate Pastor
Yoel Escriba	-----	Associate Pastor
Harrison Zoercher	-----	Director of Discipleship & Missions; Organist
Shannon Seidt	-----	Director of Children's Ministries
Aaron Weaver	-----	Director of Music Ministries
Sandy Hottell	-----	Administrator/Financial Secretary
Allyson McCormick	-----	Nursery Coordinator

IN OUR PRAYERS

Charlie Boyette	Suzanne Hartman	Bill Wild
Russell Browder	Kristie Jones	Alice Williams
Jeff Buechlein	Jim Meador	Senior/Assisted Living,
Gary Chapman	Stephanie Miller	or Rehab
The Cox Family	Jane Mills	Kathie & Cody Staples
Pam Cox	John Sheesley	Bill Stratton
Morgan Davis	Ralph Snowberger	Hans Young
Corky Hall	Angelo Vaccaro	

You may make a prayer request by phoning the church office, by email at prayers@saintmatthewsumc.org, or on the church website: www.stmatthewsmethodist.com. Please note that prayer requests normally remain on the prayer list for a period of one month.

☞ Thank you for remembering to silence your cell phone as you entered the sanctuary. ☛



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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEWS

Sunday, September 6

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	8:30A
Sunday School for All Ages	10:00A
Contemporary Worship, Gordon Hall	10:45A
Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	11:00A
Sisters Prayer Group, 102	12:00P
TDA Worship (Español), Gordon Hall	1:30P

Monday, September 7–Labor Day

Church Offices Closed
No Events

Tuesday, September 8

Gentle Chair Yoga, 109	1:00P
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Wednesday, September 9

Morning Prayers. 218	8:30A
St. Matthews Ringers, Music Suite	4:30P
Wednesday Night Live! Dinner, Gordon Hall	5:00P
Children’s Choir, 105	6:15P
Whatever Works Wednesday, Youth Suite	6:15P
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite	7:00P

Thursday, September 10

Gentle Chair Yoga, 109	1:00P
Diabetes Support Group, 218	6:15P

Friday, September 11

Educare Home School	8:00A
TDA Praise Team Rehearsal, Gordon Hall	7:00P

Saturday, September 12

Questors Luncheon, Gordon Hall	1:00P
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Sunday, September 13

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	8:30A
Sunday School for All Ages	10:00A
Contemporary Worship, Gordon Hall	10:45A
Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	11:00A
UWIF Potluck Lunch, 204	12:00P
TDA Worship (Español), Gordon Hall	1:30P
Youth & Tweens Activities	5:00P