

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. If you would like information about the ministries of St. Matthews, please speak to a pastor or to a Hospitality Team member.

KICK-START THE DAY — Join us every Wednesday morning at 8:30 on the Browns Lane campus to begin your day with a time of fellowship and prayer. Room 218 in the Upper Colonnade. Coffee provided (and, often, donuts!).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS — We are excited to announce the relaunch of our Wednesday Night Live! programming on Wednesday, September 7. Our Reengagement Team has been working hard to create a plan that continues a wonderful legacy of food and fellowship, but also keeps the focus on welcoming new people and growing as disciples.

We have extended the food serving time to accommodate BOTH those who want to eat early and get home before it's too late, as well as those who don't get off work until after 5. And we have added small group opportunities at different times.

There will be multiple small group opportunities each month. We will be releasing more information soon, but every Wednesday night there will opportunities for the whole family. We will continue to have youth handbells and children's choir, as well as fun and exciting gatherings for students to learn, grow, and pray together. Nursery care will also be provided from 5:30-8:30pm each evening. Finally, during the 4th week of each month, we will have a fun, hands-on family mission activity that everyone can participate in!

And what about the FOOD? We will alternate having church members/groups cook with offering meals provided by food trucks and caterers. The normal cost for the meal will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and a family max of \$20. We will also have a "Cheap Eats" night once a month, where the cost will be \$2 per person. If you or your small group would be interested in helping cook or sponsor a meal, please contact the church office at 502-897-6449.

We look forward to relaunching this ministry and getting back in the habit of sharing food and fellowship together on Wednesday nights!

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www.stmatthewsmethodist.com

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).....Martha Shafferman
Greeters (11:00).....Diane Koprowski, Greg Condra
Liturgist (8:30).....Aaron Weaver
Liturgist (11:00)..... Libby Mook
Collection Steward (8:30).....Martha Shafferman
Collection Steward (11:00)..... Tom Fuchs
Assisting with Communion (8:30).....Aaron Weaver, Noel Weaver, Noah Sparks
Assisting with Communion (8:30)..... Libby Mook, Carrie Mook, Noel Weaver

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Adam Sparks Senior Pastor
Rev. Renee Jennings.....Associate Pastor
Rev. Maikel RojasAssociate Pastor
Kate Shafferman Care Coordinator
Harrison ZoercherDirector of Discipleship & Missions; Organist
Shannon SeidtDirector of Children's Ministries
Noel Weaver.....Director of Music Ministries
Miriam Rodriguez..... Music Associate, Canvas
Raiko Ruz..... Music Associate, TDA
Aaron Weaver Music Associate, Youth Choir
Mark Benz Music Associate, Children's Choirs
Amber Jenkins..... St. Matthews Campus Youth Minister
Sandy Hottell..... Administrator/Financial Secretary
Allyson McCormick Nursery Coordinator
Frank Krause.....Sexton

IN OUR PRAYERS

Russell Browder	Jamie Mercer	Senior/Assisted Living, or Rehab
April Bunn	Erin Murphy	Forest Bower
John Bunn	Tabby Nuckols	Debbie Brown
Christopher Cahall	Elizabeth Putnam	Sara Fredenberger
Ray Cashen	Bob Royer	Harold Freeman
The Cox Family	Tom Schoeberl	Linda Garrett
Pam Cox	Lenora Schultheis	Barbara Harding
Ronnie Dolen	John Sheesley	Grace Hunt
Jerry Fielden	Tom Sherman	Geneva Madden
Mark Foster	Jim Simpson	Charlotte Mosley
Owen Fredrickson	Scott Simpson	Rick Shafferman
Diane & Tom Fuchs	Orson Smith III	Liz Swindler
Davis Gray	Cherry & Charlie Stevens and Family	Barbara Tracy
Barbara Head	Kim Strong	
Mary Lea Kirven	Jill Leslie Thomas	
Bob Krupp	Don Wagaman	
David Lee	Bill Wild	
Judy Leonard		

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 three (3) weeks.

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RE|ENGAGE



Hospitality
Worship
Faith Development
Mission & Service
Generosity

FIVE PRACTICES
OF FRUITFUL
CONGREGATIONS

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August 7, 2022
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

† CALL TO WORSHIP

King of all the earth,
Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
Our souls long for your courts, O Lord of hosts;
**Happy are we who dwell in your house
and are ever praising you!**
Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God;
**Happy are we who dwell in your house
and are ever praising you!**
We have found a home in your presence,
Our King and Our God;
**Happy are we who dwell in your house
and are ever praising you!**
Who is like our God,
the One who strengthens his people,
the One who reveals himself to all who seek after him?
**This is our God, the Holy One.
Come before him with thanksgiving
and offer him the sacrifice of praise.**

† HYMN
73

O Worship the King LYONS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

† GLORIA PATRI
70

Glory Be to the Father

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**

Response: **Loving God, hold us and our prayers.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

OFFERTORY
Noel Weaver, soloist

Savior, Redeemer of My Soul Rob Gardner

† DOXOLOGY
94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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

† SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 84 (NIV)

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.
⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
⁸ Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.
⁹ Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
¹² Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Rev. Adam Sparks

RE-ENGAGE WORSHIP:
FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved
you with our whole heart. We have failed to be
an obedient church. We have not done your will,
we have broken your law, we have rebelled
against your love, we have not loved our
neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the
needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful
obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

CONFESSION
AND PARDON

THE GREAT
THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting A, United Methodist Hymnal, page 17
The congregation is asked to sing the responses.

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
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How Great Thou Art HOW GREAT THOU ART

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING
VOLUNTARY

Rondeau Jean-Joseph Mouret

† As you are able, please stand.

- Thank you for remembering to silence your cell phone as you entered the sanctuary.
- A nursery is available for infants, toddlers and 2-year-olds during the worship service. Please see a greeter for directions.