

Welcome to St. Matthews
“A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ.”
We are honored to have you worship with us today
and we hope that you will receive a warm welcome
and experience the presence of our Lord in a significant way.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

*****FRIENDSHIP PAD – Please sign and include any contact info updates.**

PRAYER FOR CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

(ALL) The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

(L) Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God’s glory will dwell in our land.

OPENING HYMN *To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory- great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro’ Jesus, the Son, And give Him the glory- great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood- To every believer, the promise of God.

The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro’ Jesus, the Son, And give Him the glory- great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us; great things He has done, And great our rejoicing thro’ Jesus, the Son.

But purer and higher and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro’ Jesus, the Son, And give Him the glory- great things He has done!

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(Great things He has done!)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The truth about us is this: we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Yet God promises to pour out grace upon us, giving us confidence to show ourselves as we are and be freed from shame. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Receive these words of comfort from God)

God wants me to move on from despair, self-pity and self-obsession because He has wonderful plans for my future. The consequences of my sin may remind me of my sin but I refuse to feel guilty. He promises to work everything, (even my sin) for my good and He is NOT angry with me. There is nothing I can do to deserve this love or increase it. And there is nothing I can do to decrease God’s love for me. It is constant. He chose to love me and I chose to love Him in return. I show my love for Him by believing that I am forgiven and acting like I am forgiven, no matter what anyone does or says. This includes being humble yet confident, kind, joyful and encouraging to myself and to others.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tiffany Lakatosh

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

Jesus teaches us that if we ask, it will be given to us. Let us participate in God’s purpose, then, by giving generously for all who are in need.

OFFERTORY

RJ Cramer

‘The Answer’ Josh Turner

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER **Ian Snyder**

Sermon Notes

SCRIPTURE READING **Ian Snyder**

Colossians 2:9-15

9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

SERMON **Pastor Wil Hoffman**

Jesus is Key!

***THE LORD'S PRAYER – ALL**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

*Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my days- Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing Always only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.*

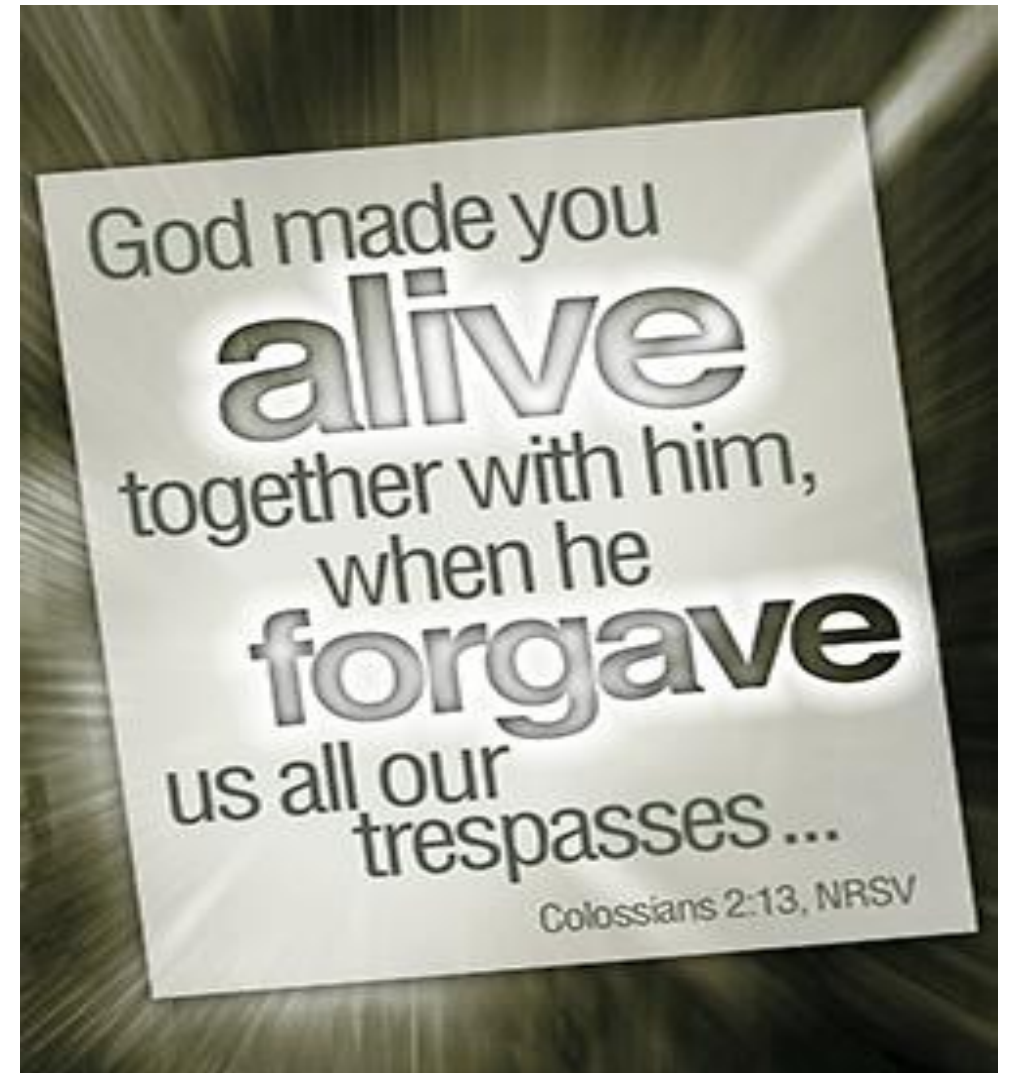
*Take my will and make it Thine- It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart- it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne. It shall be Thy royal throne.*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Wil Hoffman

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE - ALL *Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen.



**St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025**

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❖ **Prayer Concerns for Shut ins:**

Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058

James Borger—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463

Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064

Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058

Kay Frable – Liza’s House, 1357 Blue Mountain, Danielsville PA 18038

Kyle Frable—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058

Gladys Meixsell—Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360

Velma Silfies—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd,
Kunkletown PA 18058

Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327,
Kunkletown PA 18058

Jacqueline Mock—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—P.O. Box 327,
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Tom Barr Sr. – Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

❖ **July benevolence is Touch the World (The Barn).**

❖ **St. Matthew’s Laymen’s Fellowship will host a cash and gift card bingo on Sunday, July 27th. Doors open at 12pm and bingo starts at 1pm. The cost to play is \$30 for 20 games. There will be food available to purchase and a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds will support the repairs and updates to the Church and Grove.**

❖ **Youth Movie Night – August 6th, 6:00pm to 8:45pm in the social hall. We’ll be watching ‘Remember the Titans’—a powerful story about teamwork, courage, and unity. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to share. Get ready for a night filled with fun, friends, and faith-based fellowship. All middle and high school youth are welcome—feel free to invite a friend as well! We can’t wait to see you there!**



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 27	7th Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, July 28		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Wednesday, July 30		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, July 31		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Sunday, August 3	8th Sunday after Pentecost	- Sanctuary, 9am

❖ **Thank you to everyone who helped organize and attended the EC District picnic yesterday.**

❖ **The Smith Reunion is today in the grove from 12pm to 6pm. Everyone is welcome!**

❖ **There are still open shifts available for the Fair. See Cheryl or RJ to sign up.**

Council President: RJ Cramer	
Interim Pastor: Rick Rufenacht	Assistant Pastor: Wil Hoffman
Children’s Ministry Director: Tiffany Lakatosh	Church Secretary: Renée Keiper
July Lead Usher: Cheryl Hummer	

Altar Flowers:
Vase 1 and Vase 2 – Rich, Bev and Kyle Frantz in memory of Violet Smith