

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

Renee Keiper

FRIENDSHIP PAD AND OFFERING BASKET- located on table by food stand

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR CONCERNS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

(ALL) Let everyone who is thirsty come.

(L) Let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

(ALL) Let everyone who is thirsty come.

(L) Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

(ALL) Let everyone who is thirsty come.

(L) Come to the tree of life, the Alpha and the Omega.

(ALL) Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia, amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia, amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia, amen!

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, amen!

Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia, amen!

He who made all things well Formed us His praise to tell;

Hear now the anthem swell, Alleluia, amen!

Sing this salvation song, Alleluia, amen!

Christ on the cross has won, Alleluia, amen!

Praise we the risen Lord; Come run through mercy’s door;

Loved, rescued, and restored, Alleluia, amen!

Lift high the Savior’s name, Alleluia, amen!

Til all the earth proclaims, Alleluia, amen!

Let now the gospel ring, Christ for the world we sing;

The world to Christ we bring, Alleluia, amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves and beg God’s mercy for the renewal and amendment of our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Power, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors to ourselves or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen

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

In the compassion of the God who prays for us, with us, and in us, you are forgiven, for the sake of the one who was sent to show us the face of love and who died and rose, one with the Father and with us.

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

Give now with generous hearts that all people may hear God’s Word and be helped by the work of this church.

OFFERTORY *By Faith*

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation’s grand design,

In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts,

Of a holy city built by God’s own hand, A place where peace and justice reign.

CHORUS: *We will stand as children of the promise;*

We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.

Till the race is finished and the work is done,

We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed-for Messiah would appear

With the power to break the chains of sin and death And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost

*To deliver captives and to preach good news In every corner of the earth. **(CHORUS)***

By faith this mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail,

*For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name. **(CHORUS 2x)***

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.
30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"
31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"
32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SERMON Pastor Rick
Church Life DNA
The Priority of Faith
Matthew 14:22-33

Faith Rises in the Face of _____
James 1:2-3

Faith hopes in _____ not something.
Daniel 3:17-18

Faith Seems _____
Hebrews 11:17 **Hebrews 11:30**

Faith Responds to _____
Genesis 6:22 **John 5:19**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again 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.

***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

- ❖ **Prayer Concerns for Shut ins:**
Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
James Borger—Moravian Village Health Ctr, Rm 142, 634 E. Broad St, Bethlehem PA 18018
Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064
Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
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—302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Tom Barr Sr. – Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

- ❖ **Graduates will be recognized on June 8th during the service.**
- ❖ **June benevolence is Garden of Giving.**
- ❖ **Church services will be held in the Grove for the month of June!**
- ❖ **Children’s message and Children’s church will be suspended for the month of June. Both will resume on July 6th.**
- ❖ St Matthew’s will host a **Meet and Greet Supper for Wil and Tammy on Sunday, June 8 at 5:30pm** at the church. Lasagna, salad, bread and drinks will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert.
- ❖ **It’s almost Strawberry Festival/Car Show time!!!!**
The volunteer signup sheet is available or see Dora to get on the schedule. You all know what a great event this is for our church and community!! We can’t do it without you! Please sign up – you can even split a shift!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 1	Seventh Sunday of Easter	-Grove, 9am
Monday, June 2		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room – 10:30am
Wednesday, June 4		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, June 5		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room -10:30am
	First Thursday Game Day	-Social Hall 12:30pm
Sunday, June 8	Pentecost Sunday	-Grove, 9am

Altar Flowers

Vase #1: Brianna and Zachary Huber’s 5th wedding anniversary
Vase #2: Jennie Rose and Brandon Serfass’s 9th wedding anniversary

*******Please make all church checks payable to St. Matthew’s EC Church**

Council President: RJ Cramer
Interim Pastor: Rick Rufenacht Assistant Pastor: Wil Hoffman
Church Secretary: Renée Keiper
June Lead Usher: Kyle Strohl