

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 EVERYONE!

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

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

PRAYER FOR CONCERNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are children of God, learning to walk.

Day by day we are learning to be the church.

God is a loving parent teaching us to walk.

God loves us, leads us and feeds us.

OPENING HYMN *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou are mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar, lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.

Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us return to our God in confession, considering God's steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us and return us to our rightful home in you through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Hear these words from our God:

I cannot give up on you. My compassion grows warm and tender. When my children come trembling, I will bring them home. Believe the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gabby Bentley

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

Through Jesus Christ, God cautions us against storing up riches for ourselves. Let us consider these things and give as our conscience directs us.

OFFERTORY

RJ Cramer

‘Here I am Lord’ Chris Bray

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

RJ Cramer

John 14:10-13

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Acts 1:8-11

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.
11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

SERMON **Pastor Rick Rufenacht**
Life On Mission
The Greater Work
John 14:10-13 Acts1:8-11

Works are the _____
John 6:35 John 7:38 John 11:25

Works inspire _____
John 9:35 Romans 10:9

Greater Works...
The ministry that we do - working to reach people for Jesus - is the greater work.

Begin with believers ____ ____ ____
Acts 1:11

Begin as we walk in the _____
Acts 2:17-21 John 20:21-23

Begin when we _____
John 14:13-14 Matthew 9:37-38

Greater works are _____ **Sermon Notes**

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 general 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

***CLOSING HYMN** *I Stand Amazed*

*I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene.
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.*

CHORUS: *How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Saviour's love for me!*

*For me it was in the garden, He prayed, "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine. (CHORUS)*

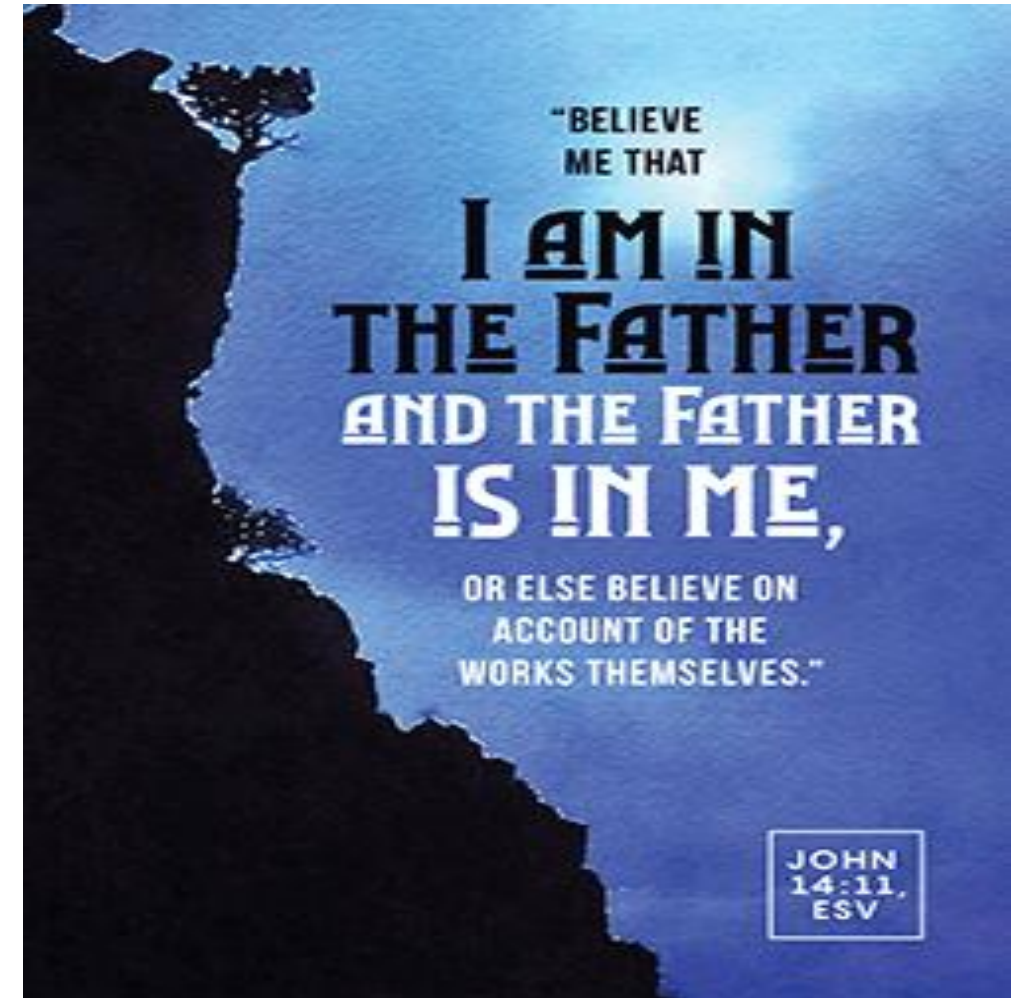
*He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own.
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. (CHORUS)*

*When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages to sing of His love for me. (CHORUS 2x)*

***CLOSING PRAYER** **Pastor Rick Rufenacht**

***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. Amen



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

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❖ **Prayer Concerns for Shut ins:**

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

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

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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

❖ **August benevolence is Operation Touch of Home.**

❖ **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!**

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

❖ **Mark your calendars: August 31st is the 5th Sunday Band and Breakfast!!**



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 3	8th Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, August 4		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Wednesday, August 6		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Youth Movie Night	-Social Hall 6:00pm
Thursday, August 7		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
	First Thursday Game Day	-Social Hall 12:30pm
Sunday, August 10	9th Sunday after Pentecost	- Sanctuary, 9am

Council President: RJ Cramer	
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