

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

GATHERING HYMNS

WELCOME EVERYONE!

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing aloud to God our strength.
Shout for joy to the Lord of Life.
Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
Glory to God forever.

OPENING HYMN *This Is My Father’s World

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
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This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God promises to never leave us. Therefore, be at peace and stand secure in the Lord.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tiffany Lakatosh and Gabby Bentley

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY - BAND AND CHOIR

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

WORDS OF THANKS TO PASTOR RICK AND EILEEN

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Children’s Ministry
Prayer Shawl
Wil and Tammy
Leadership Team

INSTALLATION SERVICE

REMARKS

CLOSING PRAYER

***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 *Lift High The Name Of Jesus / Home On The Other Side

*Lift high the name of Jesus of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace the beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground to freedom from our sin*

CHORUS: *Oh sing, my soul and tell all He’s done
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory*

*Lift high the name of Jesus of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save can raise a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home
(CHORUS-2x)*

CHORUS 2: *Swing down, chariot, stop and let me ride
Swing down, chariot, stop and let me ride
Rock me, Lord, rock me, Lord
I’m going easy I’ve got a home on the other side*

*I looked over Jordan, and what did I see
Coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home (CHORUS 2)*

*Well, sometimes I’m up, and sometimes I’m down
Coming for to carry me home
But still my soul feels heavenly bound
Coming for to carry me home (CHORUS 2)*

*Oh, the brightest day that I can say
Coming for to carry me home
When Jesus washed my sins away
Coming for to carry me home (CHORUS 2-2x)*

***CLOSING PRAYER** **Pastor Wil Hoffman**

***CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE – ALL**
Oh, What High and Holy Privilege

*Oh, what high and holy priv’lege, This communion that we share
With the Father, Son, and Spirit And His people everywhere.
As we go, with God’s great blessing, In the keeping of His grace;
Go in peace, to love and service, Till we join again in praise.*

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Go in peace, to love and service, Till we join again in praise.
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❖ **Prayer Concerns for Shut ins:**

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

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St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 31	12th Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, Sept.1		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Wednesday, Sept. 3		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
Thursday, Sept. 4		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
	First Thursday Game Day	-Social Hall 12:30pm
Saturday, Sept. 6	Men’s Group	
Sunday, Sept. 7	13th Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am

Altar Flowers - Vase 1 and Vase 2 – in memory of Helen Gower by Michelle Berhel and family.

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

- ❖ **August benevolence – Operation Touch of Home**
- ❖ **September 6th – Men’s Group**
- ❖ **September 8th – Council Meeting, 7pm**
- ❖ **September 13th – Men’s Group Kickball Picnic in the Grove**
- ❖ **September 17th – Laymen’s Fellowship Meeting, 10am**
- ❖ **September 19th – Family Campfire and S’mores in the Grove, 6pm to 8pm**
- ❖ **September 20th – Kid’s Movie Night, 5pm to 7pm**