

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.



ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Church Staff

Andy Stoddard, *Lead Pastor*

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Cindy Casteel, *Weekday Director*

Frank Laney, *Organist*

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Ginger Trochesset, *INTERSECTION Worship Leader*

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Welcome to St. Matthew's!

If you are visiting with us this morning we hope you feel welcome and will return to visit soon! Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad found on each pew or you can scan the QR Code to let us know you are here. This QR Code can also be used to make a financial contribution.



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

April 5, 2026

Easter Day

Gathering.....**Rev. Mitchell Hedgepeth**

Prelude.....**Frank Laney, Organist**

***Cross and the Light of the World**

***Processional Hymn**.....No. 302

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (vv. 1 - 4)

***Affirmation of Faith**.....No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

Morning Prayers

Call to Prayer.....No. 364

"Because He Lives" (vv. 1 & 3)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer.....**Rev. Andy Stoddard**

Choral Response.....**Sanctuary Choir**

"Amen" - Jennings

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory.....**Sanctuary Choir**

"An Easter Cry of Praise" - Stewart/Raney

***Doxology**.....No. 95

***Offertory Prayer**

Children's Moment.....**Meg Hanes**

New Testament Reading.....Acts 10: 34-43

Mechelle Stockett: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Preparation.....No. 310

"He Lives"

***Gospel Reading**.....Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message.....**Rev. Andy Stoddard**

"What Will You Do?"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn of Commitment**.....No. 322

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

***Benediction**

***Cross and the Light of the World**

***Choral Benediction**.....**Sanctuary Choir**

"Amen" - Rutter

***Postlude**.....**Frank Laney, Organist**

**Stand as you are able*

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Earl Blackwell on his birthday by Estelle Blackwell,
Marcia and Andy Traylor, Sarah Barrow, and Joseph Barrow.

Easter Lilies

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter lilies from the United Women in Faith.
All proceeds from the sales go to fund UWF Missions. **A separate "lily bulletin"**
can be found on the literature tables for pick-up with a listing of those given
in honor or in memory of loved ones. You are also invited to take your lily(ies) home
today following the service. Thank you for supporting the
UWF and helping to make our worship spaces so beautiful this morning!