

New Testament Reading Revelation 2: 1-7

Sermon..... **Mary Beth Davis Ashley**
"We Can Do Hard Things"

Presentation and Prayer for the Graduates

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn of Commitment** No. 467
"Trust and Obey"

***Benediction** **Mary Beth Davis Ashley**

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

***Choral Response** **Sanctuary Choir**
"Until We Meet Again" - Schram

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

**Stand as you are able.*

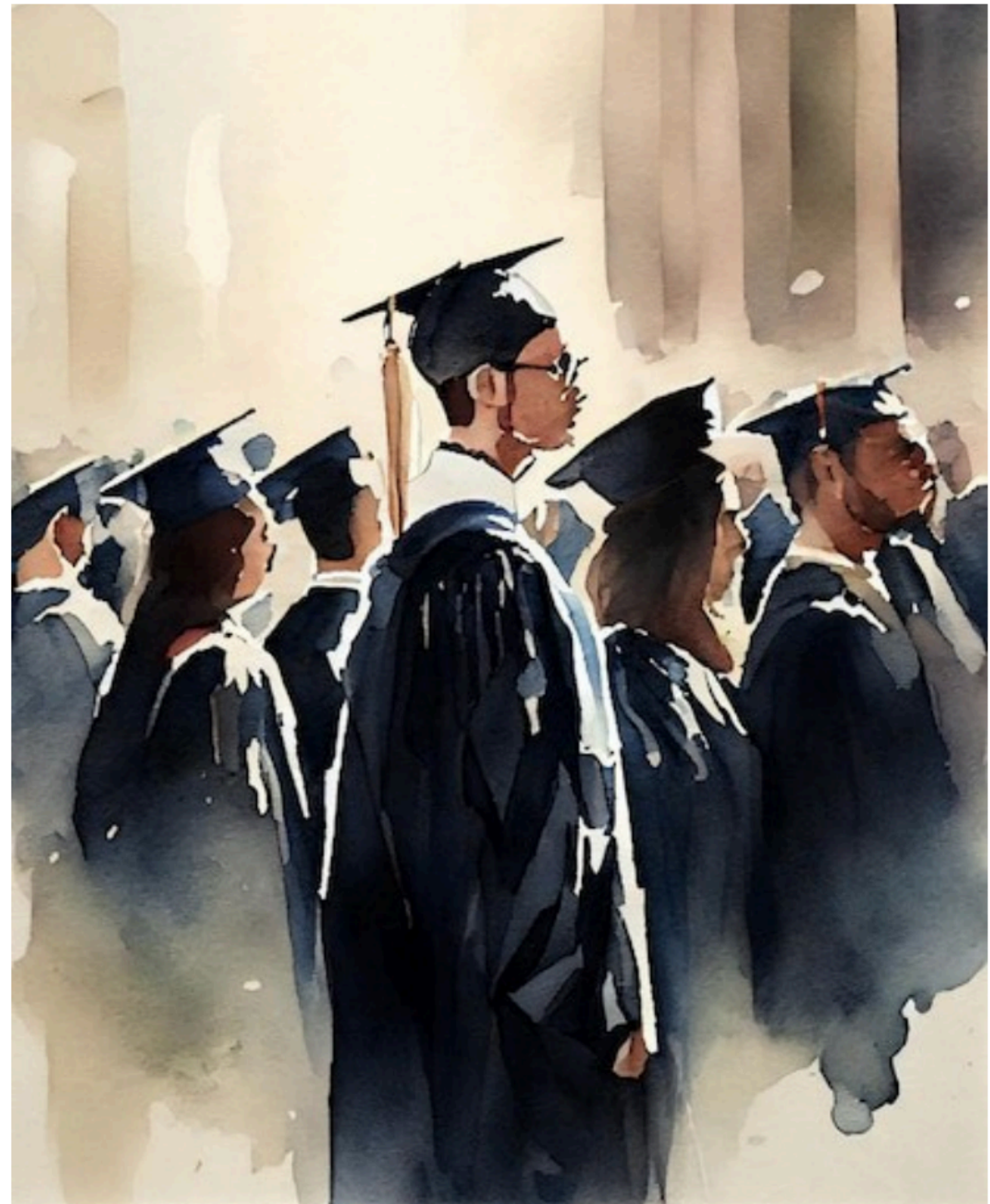
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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.

Welcome to St. Matthew's!

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



**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Baccalaureate Worship Service
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026 10:30 am**

2026 Graduating High School Seniors

*Katie Margaret Hanes
Anne Brenson Martin
JT McDaniel
Ray McDaniel
Jackson Melton
Kate Morrison
Morgan Trusty
Meredith Ware*

College Graduates

Emily Adcock
University of Alabama

Justin Gray
Mississippi State University

Daniel Lynn
University of Alabama

Isabella Ragazzi
University of Southern Mississippi

Brett Roberts
Mississippi State University

Gathering **Rev. Steve Casteel**
***Prelude**..... **Allen Hart**, Pianist
***Call to Worship**..... **Anders Estorge**
***Cross and the Light of the World**
***Hymn of Praise**..... No. 451
"Be Thou My Vision"
***Affirmation of Faith** No. 881
The Apostles' Creed
Presentation of Senior Scholarships United Women in Faith, United Methodist Men
Morning Prayers
Call to Prayer..... No. 405
"Seek Ye First"
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer..... **Rev. Andy Stoddard**
Choral Response..... **Sanctuary Choir**
"Amen" - Choralbuch
Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts
Offertory Anthem **Sanctuary Choir**
"He Leadeth Me" - Fettke Flautist: Teresa Laney
***Doxology**..... No. 95
***Offertory Prayer**
Children's Moment..... **Jackson Melton & Ray McDaniel**
Old Testament Reading **Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16**
Morgan Trusty: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!
Hymn of Preparation..... No. 399
"Take My Life, and Let It Be"