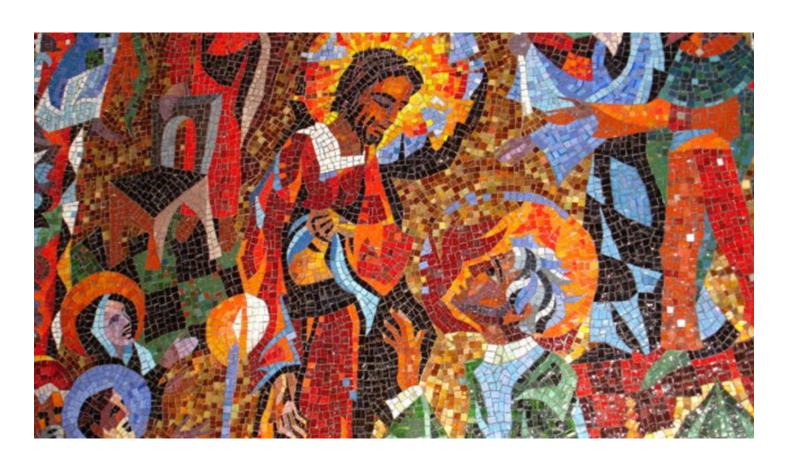
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Second Sunday of Easter APRIL 27, 2025 10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS

Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Apr 27	Earth Day Prayer for the Planet, 4pm at Raymond Park - 1501 Hinman
Apr 28	Unite Against Racism, 6-8pm at YWCA
Apr 30	How 'Bout Them Apples, 7pm at Steve and Charlotte's home
May 3	"Climate Action Now" Conference, 10am at Countryside Church UU
May 4	St. Andrew's and St. Matthew's Partnership Meeting, 1:30pm at St.
	Andrew's
May 9	Uncaged Art Exhibit Opening Reception, 6 - 7:30pm at Christ Church

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Welcome! If you would like to become a registered parishioner or are just updating your information, please complete as much information as possible. Completed forms may be returned to the Parish Office, placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office. You may also fill out this form online by scanning the QR Code below.

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread made holy.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE OPENING HYMN Hymnal 1982 #194

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

St. Albinus



THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The people may sit.

THE GLORIA James Janssen



The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (5:27-32).

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 118:14-29 Confitemini Domino

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- Open for me the gates of righteousness; *I will enter them;I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

THE PSALM 118:14-29 Confitemini Domino

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



- ²² The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! * LORD, send us now success.
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN (1:4-8).

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (20:19-31).

People Glory to you, O Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are

those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr.

After a time of silent reflection, all are invited to stand, as they are able, and say together:

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Leader Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed. God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen:
- People Christ is risen indeed.
- Leader On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:
- People Christ is risen indeed.
- Leader Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:
- People Christ is risen indeed.
- Leader For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; be with those whose names we bring before you both out loud and in our hearts:

Members of the congregation are encouraged to add their own intercessions silently or aloud.

- Leader For all our siblings, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:
- People Christ is risen indeed.
- Leader For all who suffer and all who mourn, especially we pray for Dorothy, Nicholas, Jeremy, Tobin, Kaden, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Sue, Becky, Audrey, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Ralph, Jessica, Maeve, John, Cathy, Donna, Carol, Will and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne, that today God will wipe away every tear, for Christ is risen:
- People Christ is risen indeed.
- Leader May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:
- People Christ is risen indeed.
- Leader We pray for all your children here at St. Matthew's, that we may faithfully live into your mission in the world. May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:
- People Christ is risen indeed.
- *Presider* God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum Kaylie O'Dell, soprano Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people. For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN Hymnal 1982 #432 O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

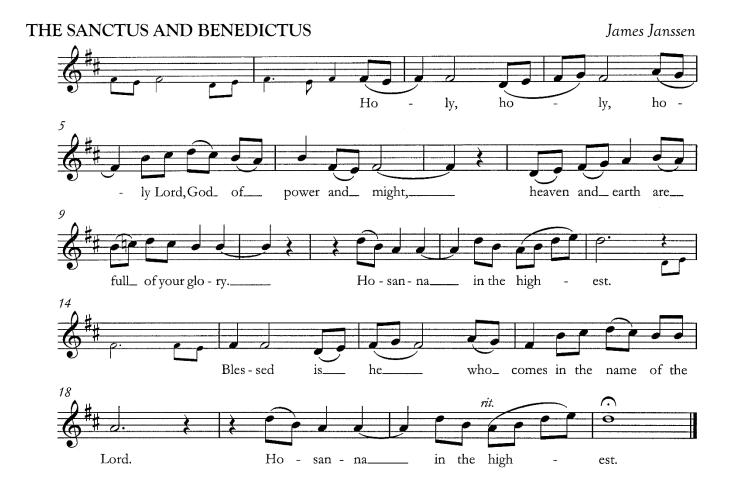
We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



The people stand or kneel, as able.

Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, Jesus broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in Glory!

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Matthew and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

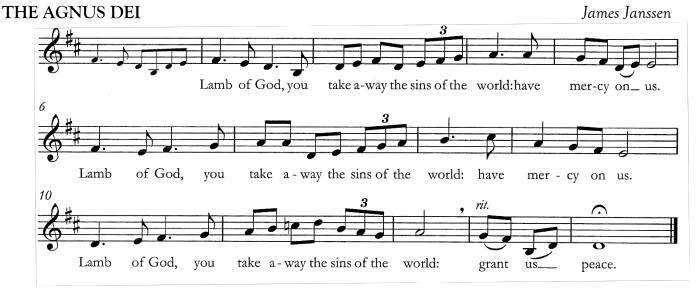
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The people are seated for the Agnus Dei



Presider The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

After who wish to receive communion or a blessing have come forward, all stand, as able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Volunteer

Lectors: Volunteer, Ginger Carr

Prayer Leader: Volunteer Chalice Bearers: Volunteers Acolytes: Volunteers Bread Baker: Volunteer Altar Guild: Volunteer Green Team: Volunteer Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

<u>Soprano</u>
Monique Austin
Charlotte Bishop
Ginger Carr
Alice Dolan
Rachel Handrick*
Katilynn Meine*
Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto
Bernadette Brockman
Nancy Churchill
Emily Scharf*
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

<u>Tenor</u>
Riley Brown**
Michael Kirby*
Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercao

[†]Choral Assistant

Michael Kirby*	Steve Carr
Francis Lynch	Jack Ellis**
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*	Jake Engel
	Louise Floyd*
*Section Leader	
**Staff Singer	

Bass

Terry Bucher*



Donations toward Easter Flowers are given by:

- Patricia Egan in memory of Tod Egan
- Rick and Julie Worden
- Jennily and Frank Layag



Donations toward our Easter Music are given by:

- Susan Torma in thanksgiving for Melissa, Andrew and Katie Jane Torma
- Mary Jo Deysach and Francis Lynch in thanksgiving for their grandchildren
- Steve Carr in thanksgiving for his family
- Judy Royal and Tim Patenode in thanksgiving for the birth of Makoto Patenode
- John and Ann Searles in thanksgiving for their families
- Larkin Myers in memory of Suzanne Giernger

JOIN HOUSES OF WORSHIP FROM ACROSS EVANSTON IN AN INTERFAITH SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

EARTH DAY

PRAYER FOR THE PLANET

SUNDAY APRIL 27 • 4:00 PM

Raymond Park • 1501 Hinman Ave.

Rain location is St. Luke's Church at 939 Hinman Ave.

Unite Against Racism Monday, April 28 6 - 8pm at the Evanston / North Shore YWCA

Equity Institute of the Evanston/North Shore YWCA is holding its annual Unite Against Racism event on Monday, April 28. This year's program, "Cultivating Hope and Inspiring Action in the Era of Authoritarianism", will focus on how rising authoritarianism is reshaping education, healthcare, and political institutions. This event is free.

The program will be a panel discussion examining the growing influence of Christian Nationalism, the anti-DEI movement, and the resegregation of our society and how these forces threaten our collective futures The three panelists will share their significant expertise and experiences in education, public policy, health, and advocacy to examine current events and provide practical strategies for resistence, resilience, and collective action. It will be moderated by Roger Moreano, Director of the Equity Institute.

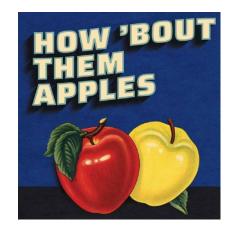
The program will be held from 6-8pm, either at the YW at 1215 Church St, Evanston or by Zoom. For in person attendees, doors will open at 5:30 so that the program can start promptly at 6pm. A light snack will be available.

Further information, free tickets and Zoom instructions can be found at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unite-against-racism-cultivating-hope-and-inspiring-action-tickets-1319258360269?aff=oddtdtcreator

How 'Bout Them Apples...

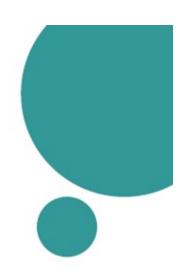
Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm Steve and Charlotte's Home

We're resurrecting an apple-based fund-raiser at Steve and Charlotte's home. At 7 p.m., we will host a Calvados and apple brandy tasting. Calvados will date to a 1987 vintage from France to Steve's own "living cask" of local apple brandy with a blend of 2021, '21, '23, '24 and 25. As an aperitif, these samplings will be complemented by a charcuterie board. Seating is limited to the first eight to sign up with a \$50 contribution to St. Matthew's. Call or text Steve at 847-867-1123.



"CLIMATE ACTION NOW" CONFERENCE

The "Climate Action Now" conference will feature a panel discussion with Representative Mary Beth Canty, Dan Huntsha from Faith in Place, and NW Cook Sierra Club. Following the panel will be a Lead, Listen, Share presentation with more details about current legislation. There will be a chance to give your feedback on what should be our legislative priorities in Illinois. We will also have Action Tables where you can talk directly to local climate solution focused organizations.





Dates: May 3, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM CT



Countryside Church UU 1025 N Smith St Palatine 60067







Register: bit.ly/climate-action-palatine





What's happening with immigration?

How do we love our neighbors during the current chaos around immigration?

Come to St. Andrew's Pentecost on Sunday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m. to get more guidance on how we can all be present for immigrants. Rev. Sandra Castillo, Diocese of Chicago's canon for migration ministries, will be with us to talk about how we can respond to threats that immigrants and immigration are facing. She will also lead a "Know Your Rights" training.

Sunday, May 4, 1:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Pentecost, 1928 Darrow, Evanston

For questions, contact Marta Humphreys (<u>martamrcds@msn.com</u>) or Roberta Buchanan (<u>robertabuchanan@comcast.net</u>).





Golf Course to Green(er) Space
Worldwide, former golf courses are being reshaped
into public green spaces that improve flooding
conditions, provide places for wildlife to thrive, and
give people a place to connect with nature. Read
more about these transformations from Reasons to
be Cheerful. Close to home, the Highland Park



Country Club was purchased by the City of Highland Park in 2018. <u>The Preserve of Highland Park</u> opened to the public in 2022, providing walking trails, turtle and pollinator habitats, and more.

Uncaged Art Exhibit Opening Reception Friday, May 9 | 6 - 7:30pm Christ Church Winnetka Chapel

Please join us for an Uncaged Art Exhibit Opening Reception, on Friday, May 9, 6:00 p.m to 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church Winnetka Chapel, 470 Maple Street in Winnetka. Light refreshments will be provided and opening remarks from The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey, Deacon at St. Matthew's, and Sanctuary Task Force representative.

The exhibit will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., from May 10 through May 25 with closing day on Monday, May 26. The exhibit is comprised of inspiring artwork by the children held in the Tornillo, TX Detention Center that opened on June 14, 2018. A local Catholic priest recovered 29 pieces, and later stated, "What came through in the art was the strong spirit of these young men and women...who, even under those conditions, were still inspired to do something beautiful." For questions, please email The Reverend Cynthia Rigali-Lund at mailto:cynthia@christchurchwinnetka.org.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are encouraged to include these names in your daily prayers.

During Sunday worship, you are encouraged to offer silently or aloud your prayers to God. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, email info@stmatthewsevanston.org. Names are listed for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for weekly by the St. Matthew's Prayer Group.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Congregations in the Evanston Deanery: Canterbury House at Northwestern University; St. Andrew Pentecost in Evanston; St. Luke in Evanston; St. Mark in Evanston; St. Matthew in Evanston; Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: San Francisco de Asís in Tuxtepec; Panomsit Sub-Parish For the congregation at St. Matthew's as we embrace our mission to be welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world: welcoming our neighbors near and far.

We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in March: Mark Austin, Phillip Castillo, Judith Creech, Andrew Davies, Patty Dreibelbis, Drew Kelly, Andrew McDermott, Daniel Meyer, Chris Motogawa, Grace Motogawa, Joyce Weber and Allison Zidek.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in March.

We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, Thomas Garbee, and the members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers: Dorothy Wyandt, Nicholas Churchill, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Kaden Brown, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Sue Zundel, Becky Wilson, Audrey Reynolds, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

We pray for all in need: those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those suffering from acts of violence – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as from natural disasters, and their aftermaths.

We pray for all who have died.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (revisions authorized by the Episcopal Church, March 17, 2020), St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world." Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

In today's service, the Opening Acclamation comes from "Text of Expansive Language Liturgies – from Resolution 2018-D078-updated 09-02–2019" and the introductions to prayers and responses and the Peace come from Enriching Our Worship I. The Collect of the Day comes from a collection of prayers written to match the lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary: Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary using the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at The 149th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 26, 2025

St. Matthew's Vestry

Stephen Carr, Senior Warden Tim Patenode, Junior Warden

William Widmer, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)
Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)
Roberta Buchanan, Karen Hertel, David Parks (2028)
Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2028)

Christopher Motogawa, Treasurer (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Don Churchill (2025) Mary Clark (2025) Ann Searles (2026)

St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the 187th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago

ONLINE - All Day, Saturday, November 22, 2025 Delegates: Mary Clark, Ann Searles, Julia Green

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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