

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 14, 2024

7:30AM
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL

9:00AM
LAKEFRONT



*Welcoming all in community;
Joyfully doing God's work
in the world.*

ST. MATTHEW'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

Our Covid protocols have eased, but we continue to be proactive to protect the health and well-being of the entire community, especially the most vulnerable. Therefore, we ask that everyone respect our protocols:

- Vaccines are recommended when gathering with others.
- Masks are optional in the building and at our services. Please respect the choices others make in this regard.
- In the our worship spaces
 - Air purifiers continuously clean the air.
 - Before services begin, whenever possible, we open the windows and run fans, to generate movement of the air.
- Medical grade N95 masks are available upon request from our ushers.
- At Communion
 - Before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, the clergy sanitize their hands.
 - Wine at communion: Communion ministers stand off to the side offering a chalice and a bowl for intinction. We ask you receive the wine either by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) using the bowl, by drinking from the chalice, or to forgo the wine. Please do not use the chalice for intinction.
- Please follow any further communion guidelines as given.

ST. MATTHEW'S NEWS & EVENTS

July 14 **St. Matt's Movie Group**, 4pm at the home of the Buchanan's. See page 13.

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 and wine made holy.

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN (9:00AM)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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.**

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE Cantic D: A Song of the Wilderness

Isaiah 35:1-7,10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, *

and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, *

the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, *

and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! *

Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *

and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *

and streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool *

and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

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The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, saying together

All **God of the prophets,
whose word cuts through
the webs of power
and holds the tyrant to account:
be with all who raise their voice
against oppression and misrule,
who are imprisoned and abused
for freedom's sake;
help us to stand and speak with them
and witness to your kingdom now;
through Jesus Christ, the name above all others.
Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL (6:1-5, 12b-19)

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

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They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24 *Domini est terra*

We read the Psalm alternately by half verse; the congregation reads the second half, which is printed in bold.

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- ² For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- ³ "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- ⁴ "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
**who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**
- ⁵ They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- ⁸ "Who is this King of glory?" *
**"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."**
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- ¹⁰ "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
**"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS (1:3-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 MARK (6:14-29).

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard

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for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Gloria Hopewell

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Source: Church of England, adapted)

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Form III, adapted)

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that our wardens and vestry, other St. Matthew's leaders, and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; for Paula, our Bishop; and for Terri, our deacon;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Joseph, our President; J.B., our governor; Daniel, our mayor; for the leaders of our neighboring communities, and for all those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that we may be agents of God's kingdom, offering radical welcome and committed to dismantling systems of injustice;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Ramona, Jerry, Brian, Becky, Sue, Harriet, Paige, David, Curt, Kate, Bob, Joan, Maria and family, Benjamin, Cobe, Bob, Ralph, Phil, Cindy, Betty, Jessica, Maeve, Fame, Mike, Cathy, Mark, Donna, Carol, Angela, Sharon, Will, Don, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

People **That they may be delivered from any distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to offer their intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Presider O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Jesus, our deliverer,
we take your freedom from others.

God, have mercy.

People **God, have mercy.**

Presider Jesus, our hope,
we deprive others of hope.

People Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Presider Jesus, God's shalom,
we distort your peace.

God, have mercy.

People **God, have mercy.**

Presider In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence

Presider God forgives you. Be at peace.

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. The people sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C (adapted)

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 our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, Jesus reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Presider And so, we who have been redeemed by Jesus, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Jesus's name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Presider and People

AMEN.

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.**

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN (9:00AM) Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

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

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.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Presider Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us: So be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN (9:00AM)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leading Our Worship This Morning

7:30AM

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Gloria Hopewell

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Lector: Volunteer

Prayer Leader: Volunteer

Chalice Bearer: Volunteer

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Musicians: Jim Kelly

Lectors: Steve Carr, Ginger Carr

Prayer Leader: Kristin Jacobsen

Chalice Bearers: Kathy Riley

Usher: Volunteer

Concierge: Volunteer

BOTH SERVICES

Altar Guild: Volunteers

Green Team: Volunteer

God loves a cheerful giver.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not regretfully or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**. And God is able to provide you with every
blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”
– 2 Corinthians 9:7



If you'd like to make an offering for
today's service, please scan the QR code which will
bring you to St. Matthew's onRealm Giving Page.
**Thank you for supporting
St. Matthew's as we bring love to the world.**

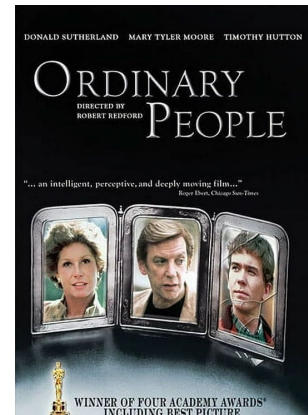
St. Matt's Movie Group

TODAY-

July 14 | 4pm | Buchanan's Home

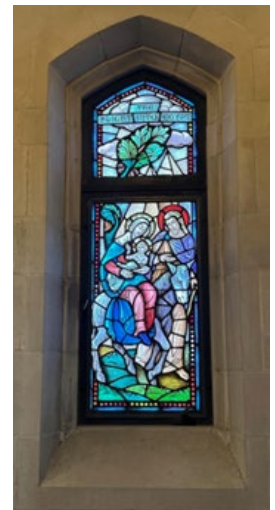
Honoring the recently deceased actor Donald Sutherland, the St. Matthew's movie fans will next discuss the 1980 film Ordinary People. Lots of scenes from the north shore! The film is available at some libraries on DVD, on several streaming services, and via Kanopy at the libraries.

Meet at Roberta and John Buchanan's courtyard, 918 Hinman Ave., at 4 pm on Sunday, July 14. Please RSVP to Roberta at 847-910-4490. In case of inclement weather, venue will be changed so watch your email for last minute instructions.



Halfway To a House For Asylum Seekers

We still need you! We have nearly \$30,000 of the \$66,500 needed to start renovating the St. Andrew's Pentecost rectory. We hope to raise the full amount by late summer or early fall to have the house ready for a family before the cold weather settles in this fall. Once up to code, it will be a safe, welcoming place for those seeking asylum after fleeing violence and persecution in their home country. The project, United in Welcome, is a collaboration across the deanery led by Cynthia Doucet, Marta Humphreys (St. Andrew's Pentecost), and Damon Doucet. For questions or information on donating or volunteering, contact the St. Matthew's representatives on the planning team: Roberta Buchanan at robertabuchanan@comcast.net and Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com.



TO DONATE:

- Donations by check can be written to: St. Matthew's Evanston (United in Welcome in the memo field), 2120 Lincoln Street, Evanston IL 60201
- Donations online: www.stmatthewsevanston.org > Give > scroll down under "Fund" to United in Welcome. Please provide your contact information in the Note field so that we can send a confirmation and thank you.
- If you have questions about donating, your receipt, or matching opportunities, please contact Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com, 847-687-3737.

Antiracism Team

Learn about racial healing with others at St. Matt's: Join the Antiracism Team's July meeting to talk about racism and what white people need to do. We'll listen to excerpts from and discuss "The Embodied Path to Healing Trauma with Resmaa Menakem," an episode of the *We Can Do Hard Things* podcast. For the Zoom link, contact Kristin Jacobsen (kejcat@gmail.com). Listen to the podcast on your favorite service. For a description of the episode, see <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-embodied-path-to-healing-trauma-with-resmaa-menakem/id1564530722?i=1000660868628>. Find out about the podcast at <https://wecandohardthingspodcast.com>. Thanks to Kate Lauderbaugh for the recommendation.

Antiracism Events:

- 7/17, 6:30 p.m.: **Repair and Resilience: The Legacy of Genocide Across Generations** at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive in Skokie. RSVP at <https://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/events/on-site-online-repair-and-resilience-the-legacy-of-genocide-across-generations/>.
- 7/20, 6-11 p.m.: **Block Party, After Dark** at Double Clutch Brewing (2121 Ashland Ave., Evanston) to benefit Connections for the Homeless. Entertainers are people of color. RSVP at <https://connect2home.givecloud.co/block-party-after-dark-2024>.
- 7/20-8/4: Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre production of **For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf** at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes in Evanston. Reserve tickets at <https://www.cityofevanston.org/about-evanston/arts-and-culture/theatre/fleetwood-jourdain-theatre>.
- 7/26-7/27: **The Sweetest Season: Indigenous Creativity** featuring musical performances, free workshops, panel discussions, an artist market, and more at the Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn in Chicago. More info at the Mitchell Museum (<https://mitchellmuseum.org>).
- Tues./Wed./Thurs.: **Summer Tours at the Mitchell Museum** are offered Tuesdays (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), Wednesdays (10:30 a.m.) and Thursdays (6:30 p.m.). You can also reserve private tours or group tours (<https://mitchellmuseum.org/tours/>) at the museum, 3001 Central St. in Evanston.
- Through 2024: **Exhibit No Rest: The Epidemic of Stolen Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2Spirits** at the Mitchell Museum, 3001 Central St. in Evanston (<https://mitchellmuseum.org/no-rest-exhibit/>).
- Sat/Sun, 1-4 p.m.: **Native American exhibit**: "Indigenous Edgewater: Exploring Native History," exhibit at Edgewater Historical Society, 5358 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago. Ongoing.
- Ongoing: **Spagat Family Voices of Genocide Exhibition** at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive in Skokie. More information at <https://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/exhibitions/voices-of-genocide/>.

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 and the Rector.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Rockford Deanery;* Grace in Sterling; Christ Church in Streator; St. Peter in Sycamore; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* La Ascención in Veracruz; St. John in Melut.

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 June: Hunter Bothfeld, Ginger Carr, Nancy Churchill, Mary Jo Deysach, Katie Kelly, Gary LaBranche, Bill McSweeney, Catherine Motogawa, Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers and Bob Purse.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in June: Ginger & Stephen Carr, Karen Hertel & Pete Meyer, Ann & John Searles and Diane & Robert Teska.

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: Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Molly Robinson, 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: Mary Buzzard, Ramona Frederickson, Jerry Moody, Brian Marischen, Becky Wilson, Sue Aikin Zundel, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, David Crummy, Curt Nilsson, Kate Martin, Bob Baker, Joan Sanford, Maria G and family, Benjamin Ticobay, Cobe Layag, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Phil Costa, Cindy Bass, Betty Stafford, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, Mike Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Mark Jacobsen, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Angela Escobar, Sharon Filipsik, Will Widmer, Don Gabouser, 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 148th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 28, 2024

St. Matthew's Vestry

Christopher Motogawa, *Senior Warden*

Stephen Carr, *Junior Warden*

Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)

Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers, Tim Patenode (2027)

Clerk of the Vestry, Tim Patenode

Christopher Motogawa and Rick Worden, *Co-Treasurer* (2025)

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 23, 2024

To be determined.

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, *27th Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, *Thirteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago*

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