

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Third Sunday of Easter

APRIL 19, 2026

10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



Welcoming all in community;

*Joyfully doing God's work
in the world.*

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

Sundays **Sunday Forum led by Whayne, 9:15 - 10:15am in the Chapel**
Apr 14 **Bible Study with Rev. Whayne, 12pm in the Library**
Apr 26 **Prayer & Action for Earth Day, 3pm at Evanston Ecology Center**
May 8 **Friday Night CoffeeHouse, 7:30pm at St. Matt's**

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

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #174* At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Verses 1, 2 & 4


Salzburg




1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pier - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE *Hymnal 1982 #S17*

Pascha Nostrum

George Ratcliffe Woodward



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 12 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.

The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (2:14a, 36-41).

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

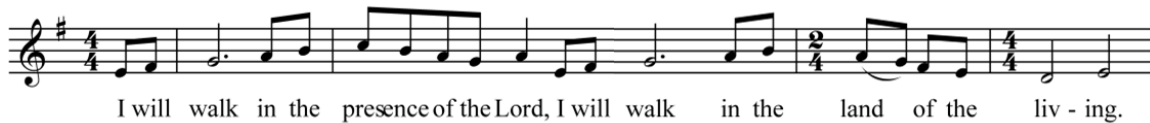
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

Jack Ellis, Cantor

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

² The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

³ Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

Refrain

¹⁰ How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹² I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

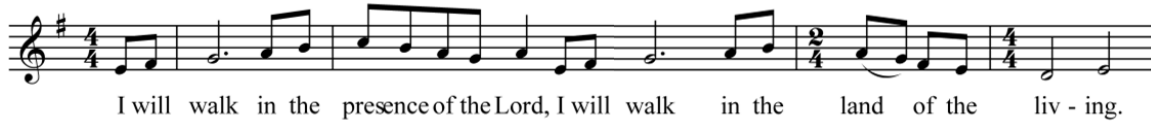
Refrain

¹⁴ O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

THE PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

Jack Ellis, Cantor

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹⁶ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Refrain

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER (1:17-23).

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Karlos Piñero-Mercado



Verse: Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (24:13-35).

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.**

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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 Ethan, Glen, Steve, Jason, Maggie, Carol, Jim, Timmy, David, Juliette, Jancie, Jeremy, Tobin, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, 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.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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

Wade in the water

arr. Moses Hogan

Soloist: Angela Torres-Kutkuhn

God's a gonna trouble the water. Wade in the water, wade in the water. Wade in the water, wade in the water, children. Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water See that host all dressed in white, The leader looks like an Israelite. Wade in the water, wade in the water, children. Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water. See that band all dressed in red, Well it looked like the band that Moses led. Wade in the water, wade in the water, children. Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water. Oh children, God's a gonna trouble the water.

Note:

The African American spiritual is a genre of depth, warmth, joy, and sorrow. It is both a testament to optimism in the worst of times and a window into the tortured community that gave birth to these timeless texts and melodies. Spirituals began as an entirely a cappella form, created and sung not by individuals, but by a community working together to revise and improve this music over multiple generations. The Fisk Jubilee Singers married these songs to European bel canto singing, making them a staple of the concert hall. The Jordan River was a stand-in for the Ohio River—the border between slave and free states. Wade in the Water served as a reminder to step in and out of creeks and rivers along the journey to confuse the dogs tracking them. Additionally, its multiple references to Israel's escape from slavery in Egypt under Moses's leadership offered hope that such an Exodus could happen again. Source: <https://www.julianbryson.com/journal/2017/8/4/wade-in-the-water>

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

God of all time



1 God of all time, all sea - sons of our liv - ing,
2 Here in this place, where oth - ers have been build - ing,
3 Spi - rit who draws our fra - gile selves to - geth - er,
4 Let us not die from pov - er - ty of car - ing,

source of our spark, pro - tec - tor of our flame,
we come to claim the leg - a - cy of faith,
Spi - rit who turns a strang - er to a friend,
let us not starve, where love is to be shared.

blaz - ing be - fore our birth, be - yond our dy - ing,
take, in our turn the tell - ing of your sto - ry,
be at this ta - ble where we greet each o - ther,
Come, break us o - pen to re - ceive your heal - ing:

God of all time, we come to sing your name.
and, though we trem - ble, speak your hope, your truth.
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.
your bro - ken bod - y be our wine and bread.

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS LEVAS #255 Holy, holy, holy Grayson Warren Brown

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant 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!**

Celebrant 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.

Blessed are you now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The people are seated for the Agnus Dei

THE AGNUS DEI LEVAS #270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewiss

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. _____ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. _____ Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world: _____ grant us peace. _____

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Hold on (Protest Song)

Hold on hold on
my dear ones here comes the dawn

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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 CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #296* We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Verses 1, 2 & 4

Engelberg

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____ Al - le -
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Communion Hymn: *It is January 2026, and the people of Minneapolis are inspiring us with what it looks like to really take care of one another in the face of escalating ICE raids and authoritarian violence. They are walking kids to school, delivering food to neighbors, standing on street corners in rapid response. And they are singing. I am humbled and moved that this song is useful to folks right now. People have been asking 'can I sing it in my church, synagogue, school, street choir? The answer is yes, of course, this song has work to do. Sing on, and add more harmonies! If you would like to hear part recordings or learn more about the song's origins check out www.patreon.com/HeidiWilson*

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Elizabeth Parks, Don Churchill

Prayer Leader: Nancy Churchill

Acolytes: Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers,
Harper Olsen

Bread Baker: Larkin Myers

Altar Guild: Volunteer

Green Team: Volunteer

Livestream: Volunteer

Chalice Bearer: Don Churchill

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist/Percussion

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Chloe Beal*

Kaylie O'Dell*

Michaela Bateman***

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*

Nancy Churchill

Allyn Rawling

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Zachary Schwartz*

Anthony Rohr***

Brian Pember***

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis*

*Section Leader

***Substitute Singer

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

**Follow Rev. Wayne
on Substack**

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Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Wayne Hougland, Jr.

**Sunday Forum Led by Rev. Wayne
9:15am in St. Matt's Parlor**

Beginning today, Rev. Wayne will hold a multi-week instructed Eucharist in the Chapel.

A Call to Join the 150th Anniversary Committee

As many of you know, St. Matthew's will be celebrating its 150th anniversary as a congregation in September. The vestry has decided that the congregation should host a year-long series of monthly events to re-introduce ourselves to the community and to invite that community in to see who we are and what we are all about.



The 150th Anniversary Committee will be responsible for planning six of those twelve monthly events. (The bi-monthly coffeehouses will be counted as the other six.) There is a lot of room for creativity in the planning of these events; and we are looking to have the broadest involvement from the congregation, so that the events are innovative and comprehensive.

If you are interested in joining, please email the committee chair Steve Carr at s-carr@northwestern.edu. Only six months remain before the anniversary year starts, so join today! Thanks so much.

Can you help us close the gap?

For 150 years, St. Matthew's has been a place of welcome for all who walk through our doors, and this anniversary year invites us to renew that welcome for the next 150 years.



This sesquicentennial season, we are undertaking important renovations (as you can see) so that our space is more accessible, comfortable, and hospitable for everyone in our community. Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, we already have updated lighting, bathrooms, common areas and other details that will help our space feel warm and inviting.

As the work has progressed there are additional items that have come up. These finishing touches transform a merely functional space into one that is truly dignified and welcoming, reflecting the care we show to all who enter.

Will you help support these 150th-anniversary renovations and invest in the future of St. Matthew's? Whether your gift is \$25, \$100, or more, every contribution brings us closer to creating a space that both honors our history and points toward a more gracious future; please scan the QR code if you are able to help



Bible Study with Rev. Whayne Tuesdays at 12 Noon, St. Matt's Library

Join Rev. Whayne for Bible Study every Tuesday. We will meet at Noon in St. Matt's Library / Gallery. Bible Study will last around an hour. Bring your lunch - and a friend!



Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

Race Against Hate early registration: Cheaper registration for the Race Against Hate is available until April 20. To join our team, Episcopalians United Against Hate, first register and then go to the team page at <https://tinyurl.com/nhfw9kjs>.

Select the box on the right side of the page that says Join Our Fundraising Team. To register without joining the team, go

to <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/107572/race-against-hate-2026>. Help us support the YWCA missions to eliminate racism and empower women. For questions, contact Kristin at kejcat@gmail.com.



Free immigration legal help: Sources of free legal aid and advice is the focus of a recent article in the online *Borderless* magazine (<https://tinyurl.com/5k6d2j76>). The article also discusses rights of immigrants, how to select a lawyer, and when an undocumented immigrant especially needs legal advice. Something to keep in your email inbox in case you know of immigrants who need legal assistance. Thanks to Joyce Weber for the tip.



Evanston Interfaith

**PRAYER
& ACTION**

FOR EARTH DAY

Sunday, April 26
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Evanston Ecology Center
2024 N McCormick Blvd

3:00 – Popup Choir Rehearsal
3:30 – Trash Pickup Along the Canal
4:30 – Interfaith Prayer for the Planet Liturgy

FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE



Perform. Listen. Be Heard.

MAY 8

ST. MATTHEW'S

7:00 - 9:30PM



Special Guest:
Trace Hamilton and
Sam Frederickson
of 'Sonic Motel'



Open Mic,
Live Music,
Snacks, BYOB

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CORNER OF HARTREY & LINCOLN
2120 LINCOLN ST

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 Myanmar (Burma)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Elgin Deanery continued:* Redeemer in Elgin; St. Hugh of Lincoln in Elgin; St. Nicholas in Elk Grove Village; St. Columba of Iona in Hanover Park *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* St. Mark in Yucatán; St. Luke in Khor Adaar

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 April: Maribeth Allen, Monique Austin, Connie Conley, Matthew Davies, Ramona Frederickson, Jim Kelly, Bobby McSweeney, Kati Olsen, Tim Patenode, Calvin Pennisi, Walker Pennisi, Quincy Senechal, Robert Woodring.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in April: Kristin Jacobsen & Allan Shampine.

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, 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: Ethan Muffett, Glen Teager, Steve Goranson, Jason, Maggie, Carol Imperial, Jim, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Juliette, Jancie Dark, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Becky Wilson, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer and for Maua and her 5 daughters.

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 150th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 25, 2026

St. Matthew's Vestry

Tim Patenode, *Senior Warden*

Karen Hertel, *Junior Warden*

Kelsey Davies, Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, David Parks (2028)

Charlotte Bishop, Don Churchill (2029)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2027)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Steve Carr (2028) William Widmer (2028) Rick Worden (2028)

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

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, 28th *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

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