

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 24, 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 Whyne, 9:15 – 10:15am in the Chapel
Tuesdays Bible Study led by Whyne, 12pm in St. Matt's Library
June 14 Green Team Movie, after the 10:30am service

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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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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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 and wine made holy.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #516*

Come down, O Love divine

Dwon Ampney

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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 #S236* A song of praise (Benedictus es, Domine.

Canticle 13) *John Rutter*

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (2:1-21).

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs~ in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘ In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 104:25-35 *Benedic, anima mea*

Michaela Bateman, Cantor

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



²⁵ O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶ Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

²⁷ There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

²⁸ All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

REFRAIN

²⁹ You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

³⁰ You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

³¹ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³² May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

³³ He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

REFRAIN

³⁴ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁵ May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

REFRAIN

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (12:3b-13).

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Zachary Schwartz, Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (20:19-23).

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."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Houglan, 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

(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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Paula, our Bishop; for Whayne, our priest-in-charge, 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 Donald, 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 all who suffer and all who mourn, especially we pray for Bill, Jack, Ethan, Glen, Steve, Jason, Maggie, Carol, Jim, Timmy, David, Juliette, Janice, Jeremy, Tobin, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol, Will and for Maua and her 5 daughters;

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 Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
God of all mercy,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

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and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. 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

Fill-a me up

Pepper Choplin

Jack Ellis, soloist

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit Fill-a me up to the top-a my soul Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit Fill-
a me up now and take control So many things try to fill me up So many things try to weigh me down
Fill-a my heart now until you stay And chase the other things away Now my heart is an open door
Here your Spirit is welcome, Lord. Fill-a my heart now and let it grow And change my life so all will
know. Come, O Spirit, come. Now come, O Spirit, come!

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

I'll fly away

Traditional

1. Some glad mor - ning when this life is o'er, I'll fly a -
2. When the sha - dows of this life have grown, I'll fly a -
3. Just a few more wear - y days and then I'll fly a -

way. To a home on God's cel - es - tial shore. I'll fly a -
way. Like a bird from pri - son bars have flown. I'll fly a -
way. To a land where joys shall nev - er end. I'll fly a -

way. I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry,

I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le - lu - jah by and by.

I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a - way.

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C (adapted)

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 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:

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 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."

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

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.**

Celebrant 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 people are seated for the Agnus Dei

THE AGNUS DEI LEVAS #270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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 LEVAS #115

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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

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 BLESSING

Celebrant 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 *Hymnal 1982 #511*

Holy Spirit, ever living

Abbot's Leigh

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors:

Prayer Leader:

Chalice Bearer:

Acolytes:

Bread Baker: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Altar Guild: Joyce Weber, Kate Lauderbaugh

Green Team: Anne Branning

Livestream: Volunteer

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



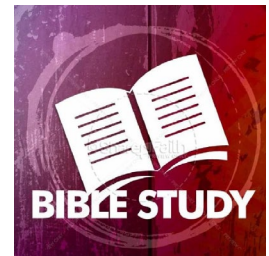
Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Wayne Hougland, Jr.

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.

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

Join Rev. Wayne 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!



Additional Sunday Volunteering Opportunities

If you're really observant, you might have noticed that the opportunity to participate in Altar Guild on Sundays is missing from the Rota signup. That's because Altar Guild is a rogue team keeping its own schedule. New members are always welcome to help prepare the table for the Eucharist - an essential ministry at St. Matthew's. To join Altar Guild or for more information ask any Altar Guild member or contact Jennie Woodring at jenniewoodring@sbcglobal.net.

Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

New at Race Against Hate: This year at the St. Matthew's tent at Race Against Hate, we're having a raffle to highlight our summer Sunday service at Lighthouse Beach. One winner will receive a beach chair, and the other will enjoy bread and wine. Come check it out on Father's Day! To participate and/or donate, see below.



- To join the Episcopal team, Episcopalians United Against Hate, first register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/107572/race-against-hate-2026>, 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>.
- To donate to our team, go to <https://tinyurl.com/nhfw9kjs>. Select the box on the right side of the page that says Donate to Our Team Goal.

Thank you for helping us support the YWCA missions to eliminate racism and empower women. For questions, contact Kristin at kejcat@gmail.com.



Mosquitoes are often controlled with broad pesticide spraying, called fogging. These treatments don't just affect mosquitoes—they can impact other insects, wildlife, and people, and they don't address where mosquitoes reproduce.

The Mosquito Bucket Challenge offers a more targeted approach. By controlling mosquitoes at the source, it reduces populations without affecting the rest of the ecosystem. It's safe, it's affordable, and it's better for biodiversity.

Scan the QR Code to watch a short video.



Interested in Singing for Change?

A singing resistance group is forming in Evanston— a community of voices coming together to protest, uplift, and inspire through music. Inspired by the singing resistance in Minneapolis, local folks are gathering to learn simple songs, build community and join their voices to rallies, marches, vigils, or community gatherings.



No auditions, no experience required – just a voice and a desire to show up.

Interested? Reach out to Kate Lauderbaugh at 847-542-3475 to learn more. Or check out <https://www.instagram.com/singingresistanceevanston/>



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The Green Team invites you to stay after the 10:30 service to enjoy a casual lunch while watching *The Biggest Little Farm*. This delightful and uplifting 90-minute film has gotten rave reviews and has been shown at all the major film festivals.



Plastic Recycling: What Can You Do?

It's not possible for an individual to fix the waste stream. That requires policy fixes across states and the federal government. But you can take steps to recycle what you can, better dispose of what you can't, and push for change in your own community.

- **Stop wishcycling.** Sending items to the landfill is better than contaminating a recyclable load. If it's not a clean PET bottle (#1), HDPE jug or bottle (#2), or polypropylene (#5), it almost certainly does not get recycled.
- **Avoid plastics #3 through #7 and thin films.** Even if your local facilities take them, these materials have lower recycling rates. Unfortunately, these are often the cheapest packaging.
- **Push for changes to state and local policies.** Laws that make producers more responsible for their own packaging, deposit-return systems, California-style truth-in-labeling rules, and minimum recycled-content mandates can all have an outsized impact.

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Joliet Deanery:* St. Joseph & St. Aidan in Blue Island; St. John the Evangelist in Flossmoor; St. Clement in Harvey; St. Edward and Christ in Joliet; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* San Juan Evangelista in Acayucan; St. James in Lathbior

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 May: Christina Burt, Stephen Creech, Catherine LaBranche, Kate Lauderbaugh, Jack Lerman, Francis Lynch, Kathy Riley, Susan Rundle, Xander Senechal, Sarah Skidmore, Steve Steiber, Dorothy Wyandt.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in May: Judy & George Darrell, Karen and Gary LaBranche, Dorothy and John Lloyd-Still, Ginny Voedisch and Bill McSweeney, Gina and Bob Purse.

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: Bill Weber, Jack Cummings, Ethan Muffett, Glen Teager, Steve Goranson, Jason, Maggie, Carol Imperial, Jim, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Juliette, Janice 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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