

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day

OCTOBER 11, 2026

10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



2120 Lincoln Street | Evanston, IL 60201 | 847-869-4850

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

<i>Sundays</i>	Sunday Forum: Practicing Hope led by Whayne, 9:15am in the Parlor Youth Group , 6pm at Church of the Holy Comforter
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Bible Study led by Whayne, 12 noon in the Library
Oct 20	Anti-Racism Program Start , 7:30pm in the Parlor
Oct 25	Vision Keeper Dinner , 5:30pm at the Orrington Hotel, downtown Evanston
Oct 31	Trick-or-Treat , 4-6pm on St. Matt's front lawn. Candy donations appreciated.

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 and wine made holy.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #412*

Earth and all stars

Earth and All Stars



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant 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

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.

Celebrant Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit.

People **Amen.**

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Mass for St. Columba

Francis Lynch

(Organ) (All Voices)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord

God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

(Source: The Disciples Prayer Book,
The Indigenous Theological Training Institute)

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

**Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are
and all that you bring to us within your creation.**

**In Jesus, you placed the Gospel
in the Center of the Sacred Circle
through which all creation is related.**

**You show us the way to live
a generous and compassionate life.**

**Give us your strength to live together
with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit,
for you are God, now and forever.**

Amen.

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS (32:1-14).

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he

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brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23 *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum*



¹ Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

² Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

³ Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

REFRAIN

⁴ Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

REFRAIN

⁶ We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

¹⁹ Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

²⁰ And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

REFRAIN

²¹ They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

²² Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

²³ So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

REFRAIN

The people sit.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS (4:1-9).

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

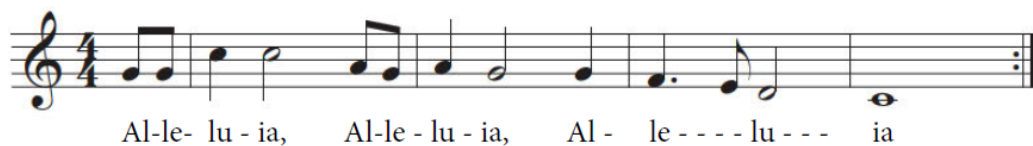
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Mark Crayton

Verse sung by Zachary Schwartz

Join the choir on the repeat of the Alleluia before the verse and then everyone sing after the verse.



Verse: The Lord is full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(22:1-14)

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business,

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while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr.

After a brief time of silent reflection, all are asked to stand as able and say the following Creed, written by a Native American and is shared with you with their permission. You are invited to say and listen to the words as they have been offered.

NATIVE AMERICAN CREED

(Written by the Rev. Roger Scott)

People **I believe in God, Creator of our unique native languages,
Who gifted us this identity as a distinct people through
our native tongues,
so that our native spiritual leaders could relay God's love
to our native people who could not understand
that foreign tongue called English.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, our relative,
Who talked of us when he said, "I have other sheep out there,
besides those I have here."**

**I believe in Jesus Christ who knew the pain of our native people
who were forced from their homeland and had no
place to lay their head.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ as our Chief Cornerstone as we
begin to build a new generation of native spiritual leaders.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ who does not say "goodbye"
in any language, but says "I will come again."**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire
lighting upon our native people to witness to their people
and to the world, through the native song and dance.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit as our guide and the
driving force for our native people to do a new thing
as we walk a new journey,
toward perfection for all humankind.

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
Cathy, Connie, Alison, Jan, Jeremy, Tobin, Becky, Bob, Steve, Bill, Jack, Ethan, Carol,
Timmy, David, Larry, Harriet, Kate, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol and for Maua
and her 5 daughters;

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially John Webb, father of Jennie Woodring and
Sheri Counselbaum White, mother of former choir section leader, Scott Bass.

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.

Celebrant 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.**

Silence may be kept

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Deacon Let us now remember our sins.

Silence

People O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, we come to you as your many children, to ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own.

Heal us of this history.

Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community.

Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage. Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family.

Celebrant The circle of love is repeatedly broken because of the sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

People **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Celebrant The circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity and hardening of the heart.

People **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Celebrant The circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

People **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us. Call us to kinship. Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace, respecting the dignity of every person, tribe, language and nation.**

Celebrant Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live, and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always.

Celebrant May God, our Creator have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

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. The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Processional Hallelujah* Arr. Mark Burrows
Soloists: Karlos Piñero-Mercado, Francis Lynch
Heleluyan! Praise, praise the Lord, Praise God’s holy name, Hallelujah!

This choral piece features two songs of praise from different parts of the world. The processional begins with solo drum and soloists presenting a Native American "Heleluyan." The choir enters with a Cameroon melody, "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord," as more percussion joins. Together, they create a joyful celebration of the differences in humanity found around the world.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN WLP 813 #538 Way, way, way (Traditional Ojibway) *Traditional Ojibway*



Way way way way way way way way
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -
Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, Ho - ly Spi - rit,
Let us bless the Lord. Let us bless the



way way way way
cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
come, make our hearts your home.
Lord. Thanks be to God.

The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(©: The Rev. Canon Debbie Royals, Pascua Yaqui)

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let your hearts sing.
We lift our voices in preparation for this ceremony.
Let us give our thanks to the Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant From the place of the rising sun in the East to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where soft rain comes and to the coldness of the North we unite with all creation from the four directions to join our voices in songs of thanksgiving and praise for the gift your Son, Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother. With hearts lifted, we join with our ancestors who taught us to pray as they have prayed since the beginning of time.

The musical score is written for Organ and All Voices. It consists of three staves. The first staff is in C major, 4/4 time, and begins with a treble clef. The second staff is in C major, 4/4 time, and begins with a treble clef. The third staff is in C major, 4/4 time, and begins with a treble clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the highest. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Organ) (All Voices)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might,

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the highest.

(Upper notes descant)

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant O Great Spirit, Our Creator, you gave us the gift of ceremony, you taught us that everything is sacred and you asked us to walk with you on a path towards peace and love. Just as in generations past, like our grandfathers and grandmothers, we come humbly with arms outstretched to honor you and all that you have created for all of creation. Together with all creation we live, interdependently and marveling that when we do, creation serves as its best reflection of the awesome wonder that you are in our eyes.

You have always cared for us, even when it seemed that there was no way to save our misuse of creation and mistreatment of each other. Many years ago, you came to us as a human being so that we might understand you in a way that would help us find the path you had intended for us.

Our Elder Brother, Jesus, as he was called came into creation in the same way that all humanity is born because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction to all. Sharing our living and dying, our Elder

Brother Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you, our Creator, are love us all.

Jesus lived in a good way. He rejected no one, fed the hungry, gave water to the thirsty and broke down the barriers that had been erected between race, class and sex. But, he paid a price for his loving ways. When it was his time, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and died. In this sacrifice our Elder Brother Jesus united us in all that is beauty, with all that has been and all that will ever be.

On the night before he died, he gave us another ceremony. He gathered those who had been closest to him for a meal. During the meal our Elder Brother Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

We found it hard to understand these words and actions, but we followed the path celebrating this ceremony from that time until now. Through our experiences then we proclaim this mystery of our faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant In this ceremony that our Elder Brother Jesus gave us, we have experienced a transformation of our spirits. We have been brought into the death of Jesus and raised into his resurrection, and we eat and drink with Him in His new life. We have noticed that when we come together for this ceremony, we all leave nurtured and nourished no matter how lost we feel and no matter how hungry we have been.

We also offer our gifts in return just as our elders and ancestors teach us. It is through this sharing of what we have to give that we have found strength beyond imagining.

All So, now once again, we humbly call upon your Spirit, we cry for a vision. Feed us, quench our thirst, make these simple elements from your creation to be Christ's body and Christ's blood. We cry for the vision that will help us be your holy people in all that we do, in all that we see, in all that we hear, in all that we breathe and in all that we speak.

Celebrant Come Creator Spirit. Come now and be for us the holy food and drink that your people cry out for in this ceremony.

Surrounded now by our ancestor spirits, the spirits of those who have led saintly lives, and all your saints and angels, we celebrate with all of creation – the two legged, the four legged, the winged, those that crawl and those that swim, those that give shade and those that offer us pleasing aromas – for together we see the awesome nature of all creation, the need to be one family living in relationship, interdependently and yet as one. May we be this unity and live as relatives to all.

Through Jesus the Christ and with Jesus the Christ and in Jesus the Christ, made possible by your Holy Spirit, we join with you our God and Creator as a community of relatives.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever.
AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

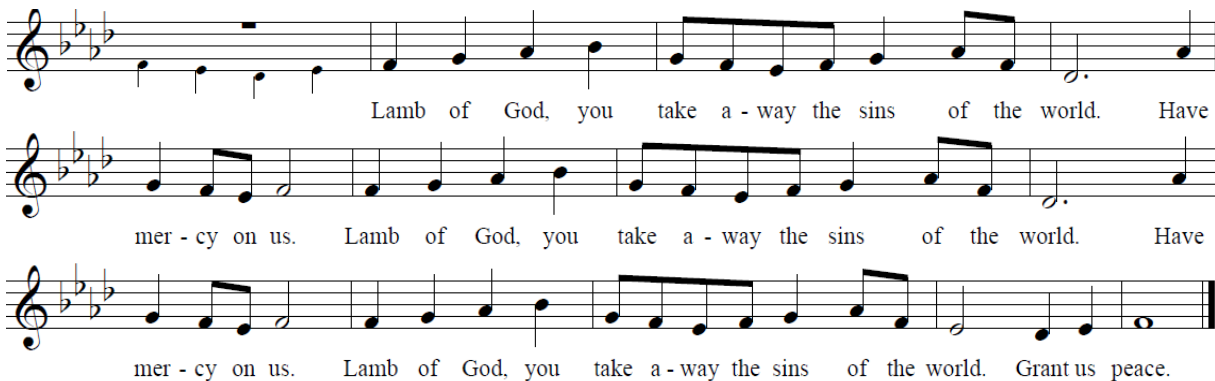
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe,
You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place.
Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon.
Whatever you want done,
let it also be done everywhere.
Give us your gift of bread day by day.
Forgive us our wrongs
As we forgive those who wrong us.
Take us away from wrong doings.
Free us from all evil.
For everything belongs to you.
Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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



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. 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 ANTHEM

Creator, open our hearts

Music: Andrew Birling, Words: Alycia Longriver Davis

Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing between all people. Creator, open our hearts to provide and protect for all children of the earth. Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth. Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all. Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day.

This anthem prays for the openness to work for peace and healing for all people and all of creation. The text is a prayer by Alycia Longriver Davis of the Micmac tribe, who writes: 'I said it as a prayer over and over again daily, while on a Native American-based cross-country walk themed "Respect for People, Respect for the Earth." We advocate, educate, and collaborate on issues of gun violence, racial justice, and the environment.'

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **We thank you Creator God for feeding us,
nurturing us and reminding us
that you are ever present, our Companion.
As we leave this Sacred Circle, may we carry away
the memory of this time together so that
we may continue in the risen life of Christ,
the one who comes that all people
might live with dignity and in peace. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

(Blessing attributed to The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong)

Celebrant Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us.
Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us.
Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you.
And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us;
the Savior, who redeems and befriends us;
and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us,
be with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go now into the four Sacred Directions, the east, south, west, and north.

Go into your communities, into unknown lands and places.

Go where God's name is well known and where it has yet to be known.

Go to those who welcome you and those who reject you.

Go and share the Gospel with all who will hear.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Wayne Hougland, Jr.
Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey
Music Director: Mark Crayton
Organist: Quinn Brann
Greeter: Curt Nilsson
Lectors: Oluseye Fakinlede, Don Churchill
Prayer Leader: Nancy Churchill

Chalice Bearers: Don Churchill
Acolytes: Molly Purse, Bob Purse
Bread Baker: Larkin Myers
Altar Guild: Volunteer
Green Team: Karen Hertel
Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor
Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

Monique Austin
Charlotte Bishop
Ginger Carr
Alice Dolan
Michaela Bateman*
Aliyah Necaïse*

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*
Nancy Churchill
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn**†

Tenor

Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Zachary Schwartz*

Bass

Terry Bucher*
Steve Carr
Samuel Orsi-Weiser*
Donnell Dorsey***

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

***Substitute Staff Singer

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Rev. Whayne Led Adult Forum: Practicing Hope

Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Parlor

This twelve-week forum treats hope as something Christians practice together, drawing on Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, the saints, and writers including Moltmann, Wright, Williams, Tutu, Buechner, and Rohr. It is part of the Practicing Hope stewardship campaign. No prior study is needed.

Dates: Sundays, October 11 through December 27, 2026.

Format: 60 minutes: gather and prayer, a short teaching, table conversation, and a practice to take home.

What to bring: a Prayer Book if you have one, a Bible, and a notebook for the Hope Journal (two or three lines after each week's practice). Prayer beads are welcome from Session 3 on.

Expectations: come as you are, whether hopeful or not. Read the week's texts if you can; the session works without them. Speak from your own experience, and listen the same way. Questions about the series: contact the parish office.

- **October 11:** What Hope Is (and Isn't) *Romans 8:18-25;*
Catechism, The Christian Hope List what you hope for and what you only wish for
- **October 18:** Lament *Psalms 13 and 88; Luke 24:13-35*
Pray a psalm of complaint aloud
- **October 25:** Praying Hope *Psalms 130*
Daily Office and Compline; prayer beads Pray Compline for seven nights
- **November 1:** Hope in Company *Hebrews 11-12*
All Saints; Baptismal Covenant. Write a letter to a saint in your life

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!



Work together. Join or create a local effort, perhaps to clean up a waterway or to help plant a pollinator garden. Or donate to a large-scale organization that can use your support to make a greater difference.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Two weeks ago, on St. Matthew's Day, we gathered with Bishop Paula to give thanks for 150 years. We walked a freshly restored hallway and gallery, sang, ate, and told stories. More than once someone said, "I can't believe they kept this place going through *that*."

They did. For 150 years, the people of St. Matthew's have worshiped, served, welcomed, adapted, and begun again. Through seasons of plenty and seasons of real uncertainty, they practiced hope, and they practiced it with their prayers, their hands, and their checkbooks. The ministry we share today is what their hope looks like now.

Now it is our turn.

Practicing Hope

Giving Life to What Comes Next

Christian hope isn't a mood we wait to feel. It's a practice. Like prayer, it gets stronger the more we do it. At St. Matthew's, it looks like this:

- **Worship and formation.** The 8:00 Eucharist in the chapel and the 10:30 with our choir, livestreamed to people who can't be in the room. Beach Church on the lakefront. Tuesday noon Bible Study in the gallery, the Sunday Forum, a Tuesday morning prayer group that has been holding this parish and this city in prayer for years and our outstanding choir.
- **Young people and families.** Sunday-evening youth group with our partners at Holy Comforter. Wiggleworms toddlers learning their first songs in our building. Summer Youth Theatre Camp.
- **Neighbors and justice.** Walking with refugee families as they make a home here. Shelter and meals through Interfaith Action. The Race Against Hate Eucharist, our Green Team and pollinator garden, and a parish that shows up.
- **The arts.** Friday Night Coffeehouse open mics, the Jack and Elise Lerman Gallery, two ballet schools, and the Evanston Chamber Opera, all filling our spaces with beauty.

This summer, Wayne reminded us that the word *nave* comes from the Latin for "ship." Every Sunday we walk into a boat. A boat built to carry people across hard water needs tending: a roof and walls that keep the water out, a clean inviting space for worship and education, staff and clergy who keep the whole thing sailing. Your pledge is how we keep her afloat and headed somewhere worth going.

Last year you responded with remarkable generosity. Pledges rose and more households took part than the year before. Thank you. As we build the 2027 budget, costs continue to rise, and our Treasurer will share the full picture in a letter on November 8. We are asking every household, if circumstances permit, to **increase its pledge by 10% over its 2026 commitment**. Some of you will be able to do more. Some will need to hold steady or adjust, and that pledge is received with the same gratitude. If you are new to St. Matthew's, we would be honored to receive your first pledge. Every commitment matters, whatever its size.

Please return the enclosed pledge card by **Commitment Sunday, November 22**, when we will offer our pledges at the altar just before Thanksgiving. You can bring it to worship, return it to the parish office, or pledge online. Gifts of appreciated stock and IRA charitable distributions are welcome too. The parish office can help.

The 150th isn't over. A December service project, a February lecture, an April gala, and a June garden party are still ahead. The next 150 years won't be built by any one person or gift. They'll be built by all of us, praying, serving, giving, and practicing hope together.

With gratitude for your faithfulness,

Tim Patenode, Senior Warden
Karen Hertel, Junior Warden



Recognizing Vision Keepers
Sunday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m.
Hilton Orrington Hotel's Grand Ballroom
Celebrating Judy Royal

Each year Interfaith Action of Evanston's (IAE) 40 faith communities and member organizations select their Vision Keepers and celebrate them at the annual Vision Keepers Dinner. These individuals who go above and beyond for their work within their faith communities and the broader community.

Judy Royal has been selected as St. Matthew's Vision Keeper for 2026. Judy has done so many things around St. Matthews so it was an easy choice. Here is what makes Judy really stand out...Last year she found out that local families were getting much needed housing but she also found out that furnishing the apartments was not part of the program. That's when Judy sprang into action. She initially called on the folks at St. Matthews to donate for mattresses and then arrange to have those delivered. That went very well and she soon had an entire operation of furniture and household goods available for families to set up their new homes. She also arranged for movers to move the furniture to their apartments. This has been happening now for over a year and the word is out about Judy's ad hoc operation. Not only are all these families benefiting but the furniture and other items are getting a second life. Thank you Judy!

Come celebrate Judy at The Vision Keepers dinner and fundraiser. It will be held at the Hilton Orrington Hotel's Grand Ballroom in downtown Evanston on Sunday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$90. Reserve your spot now by emailing Karen Hertel at klchivas@aol.com.



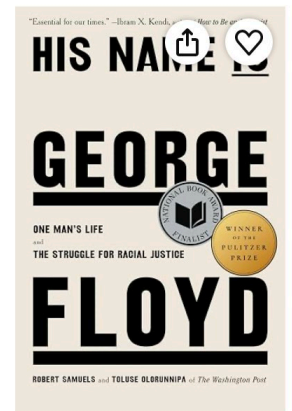
Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

2026-2027 Program Start

Tuesday, October 20, 7:30 pm in the parlor

The Equity Group has been a long-time organizing force behind St. Matthew's participation in the annual YWCA Ricky Birdsong Race Against Hate. Kristin Jacobsen has also been publicizing in the bulletin events at various ethnic museums and in the news media relevant to anti-racism and equity issues. We have now also begun reading and discussing relevant books, last year examining Kelly Brown Douglas's *Resurrection Hope*. To start this year we will read Robert Samuels and Tolouse Olorunnipa's Pulitzer Prize winner *His Name is George Floyd*, examining Floyd's life and aftermath of his killing. Contact Kristin Jacobsen (kejcat@gmail.com) Joyce Weber (weberj05@comcast.com) Ginger Carr (v-carr@northwestern.edu) with any questions.

George Floyd book discussion group: The Antiracism Team at St. Matthew's is looking for people interested in reading and discussing a Pulitzer-prize winning book about George Floyd. *His Name is George Floyd* was published in 2022 to great acclaim (see review excerpts at <https://tinyurl.com/muk8dup2>). If you'd like to read and talk about the book, contact Kristin Jacobsen (kejcat@gmail.com) so your availability can be included in selecting a day and time for the discussion series. Kristin will give one book away, drawing from the names of those who express interest. Another copy of the book will go in the St. Matthew's library for anyone to borrow. Let Kristin know by Friday, Oct. 15 if you want your name entered in the drawing.



Ways to Help the Fridge and Pantry

An immense need is being filled at the new Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church (1928-1930 Darrow in Evanston). Food goes out immediately to those who are food insecure. If you'd like to support this effort, see below for three opportunities.



1. Give money: Go to the [website](#) and click on the "GIVE" button. Select United in Welcome from the drop-down menu.
2. Give food: Bring food items to the church and put them in the green bin at the back, near the entrance off Hartrey.
3. Volunteer: Sign up to put clean the fridge and pantry or shop for food. See the [Sign Up Genius](#).



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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 Burundi

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Task Forces, Committees, and Ministries *And for our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and the Diocese of Renk*

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 October: Harriet Brandt, Antony Burt, Chris Dakich, Erik Long, Diane Teska, Robert Teska, Ginny Voedisch, Penny Whiteside, Rick Worden

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in October: Cynthia & Damon Doucet, Julie & Rick Worden

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: Cathy Conley Schiltz, Connie Conley, Alison Widmer, Jan Dark, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Becky Wilson, Bob Baker, Steve Steiber, Bill Weber, Jack Cummings, Ethan Muffett, Carol Imperial, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Larry Anderson, Harriet Brandt, Kate Martin, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner 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, especially John Webb, father of Jennie Woodring and **Sheri Counselbaum White**, mother of former choir section leader, Scott Bass.

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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