

### **9:00am-9:45am**

The Branch Contemporary  
Worship in the Family Life  
Center (Gym)

### **10:00am-10:45am**

Sunday School for All

### **11:00am-12:00pm**

Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary

### **Welcome!**

We are delighted that  
you are worshipping with  
us today, and we offer a  
special welcome to our  
guests.

It is our hope that you  
will experience God's  
presence among us and  
feel encouraged to join  
us again in worship.

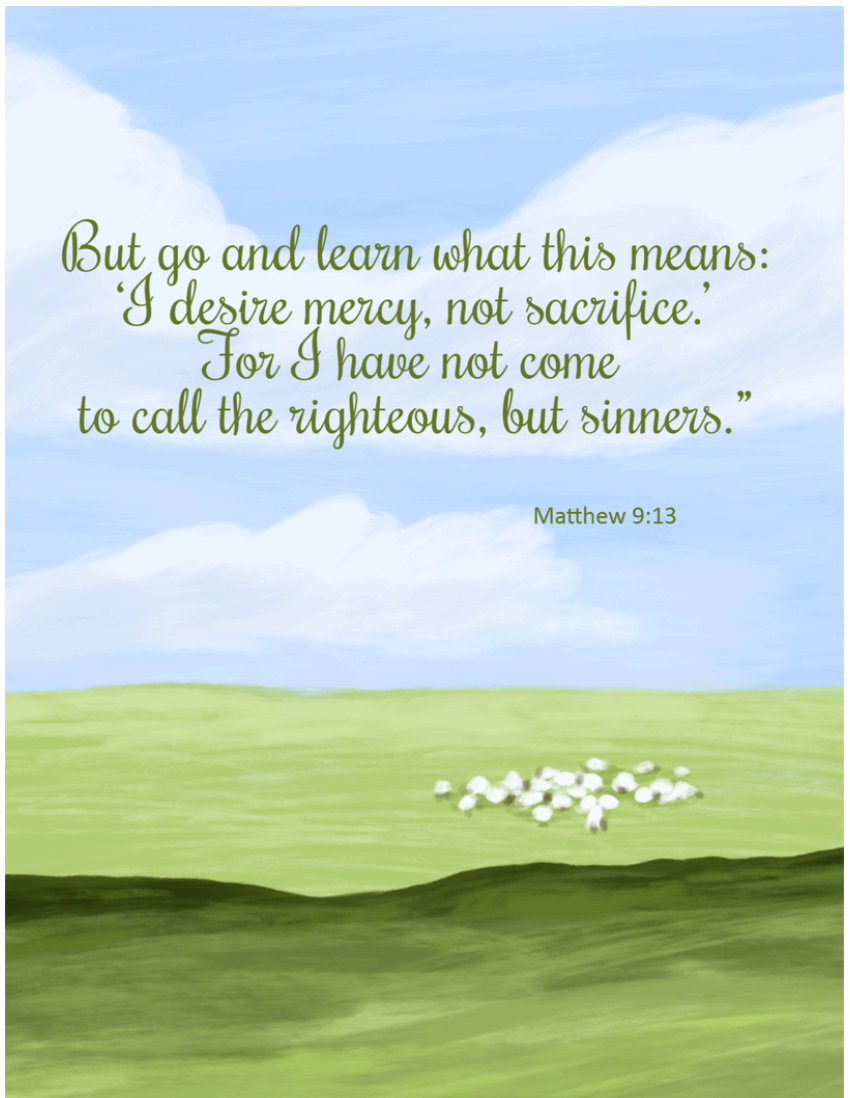
If you have questions  
about becoming part of  
the life and ministry of  
St. Matthew UMC,  
please speak with our  
pastor or ministry  
directors. We trust you  
will find St. Matthew to  
be a welcoming  
community and place to  
call your church home.

### **Our Mission**

To build life-changing  
relationships with God,  
one another, and our  
community.

*But go and learn what this means:  
'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'  
For I have not come  
to call the righteous, but sinners."*

Matthew 9:13



**June 7, 2026**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# Summer Sundays

May 24 – August 2

Join us this summer as we blend faith, community, and the joy of being together!

## Summer Blend

9:15am in the Parlor

Next Sunday, June 14

### Safe Harbor

Learn how SH is helping all people feel safe, valued, and supported in relationships.



## Combined Worship

10:00am in the Sanctuary

A thoughtful blend of both the Branch and Traditional Worship.



# Meanderers Lunch



June 18 | 11:30am  
Silver Bay Seafood (Simpsonville)

# Youth Summer Lock In



## database update

**We need your help** to keep our church records accurate and current!

Whether you are a member of St. Matthew or have been visiting, please take a few moments to update your contact information and household details. **Only one form is needed per family.**

Keeping your information current helps us stay connected, share important announcements, and better serve you.



**Thank you!**

# Opening Songs

## Speak the Name

In the morning when the sun is rising  
Another day to tell of all Your kindness  
When I think of Your goodness, oh, I sing for joy  
And I speak the Name.

In the evening when the night is falling  
When troubles rise and I can't hear You calling  
I don't have to worry, I won't be afraid  
I speak the Name, and there's only one thing

Speak the Name, speak the Name that has power  
Speak the Name, speak the Name above all other  
My Savior, Redeemer, my Hope and my Healer  
Jesus, Jesus, I speak the Name

Every hour I know that You're moving  
Even when I can't see what You're doing,  
I give You all the glory, I give You all the praise  
I speak the Name.

Speak the Name, speak the Name that has power  
Speak the Name, speak the Name above all other  
My Savior, Redeemer, my Hope and my Healer  
Jesus, Jesus, I speak the Name

Oh, at the name of Jesus  
The very name of Jesus  
Tongues confess and knees will bow  
Chains will break and walls come down  
Everything can change  
When I speak the Name

Speak the Name, speak the Name that has power  
Speak the Name, speak the Name above all other  
My Savior, Redeemer, my Hope and my Healer  
Jesus, Jesus

Speak the Name, speak the Name that has power  
Speak the Name, speak the Name above all other  
My Savior, Redeemer, my Hope and my Healer  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, I speak the name

## My Jesus

Are you past the point of weary?  
Is your burden weighing heavy?  
Is it all too much to carry?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
Do you feel that empty feeling?  
'Cause shame's done all its stealing  
And you're desperate for some healing  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

*(Chorus)*

He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, amen, amen

Who can wipe away the tears  
From broken dreams and wasted years  
And tell the past to disappear?  
Oh Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And all the wrong turns that you would  
Go and undo if you could  
Who can work it all for your good  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

*(Repeat Chorus)*

# Order of Worship

*\*Congregation stands, as able*

**Prelude**                      "God Who Madest the Earth and Heavens"                      Robert Lau

## **Announcements**

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Opening Songs**                      "Speak the Name" & "My Jesus"                      The Branch Band

## **Children's Moment**

*After, ages K4-5th may go to Children's Church. Younger children may be taken to nursery or preschool.*

**Special Music**                      "Poor Wayfaring Stranger"                      Charlotte Shew

## **\*Affirmation of Faith** *(Unison)*                      "Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

*Please text prayers and praises by 10:10am to 864-643-9968*

*Children's worship packets can be found in baskets in the Narthex.*

*Please return worship packets at the end of the service.*

*A nursery for newborns through 24 months and a preschool class for ages 2 through K4 is available starting at 9am in the Education Building (first floor.)*

## **The Lord's Prayer** (*Unison*)

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, forever. Amen.

## **Offering**

*You may give your offering in one of three ways: place check or cash in offering plate, text "GIVE" to 864-659-1812, or give online at [stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)*

## **Offertory**

"Air en Echo"

de La Lande

## **\*The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **\*Hymn of Preparation**

"Trust and Obey"

UMH 467

## **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

"To Be a Blessing"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

## **Holy Communion**

UMH 12

## **\*Closing Hymn**

"He Touched Me"

UMH 367

## **\*Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

"Psalm XIX"

Benedetto Marcello

*Assistive listening devices are available for anyone who may benefit from hearing assistance during the service. Please see an Usher in the Narthex to receive one.*

**Greeters:** Aldersgate Class    **Ushers:** Edward Johnson, Tom McIntyre, Mike Shull, Mark Swilley

## Scripture

### Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

### Matthew 9:18-26

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.



SHINING A LIGHT ON  
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

# ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

Vacation Bible School  
July 27-31 | 9am-12pm

**REGISTER NOW BEFORE  
CLASSES ARE FULL!**



Registration Open!



Since 1978, Salkehatchie has been more than a UMC outreach—it's a life-changing experience. In one week, volunteers help families feel safe, warm, and secure in their homes. With 28 camps across SC each June and July, youth (14+) and adults alike are invited to serve!



## Walking Group

Mondays @ 10 am  
Cady Shelter



## Summer Pickleball

Wednesdays @ 6:30-8pm  
June 3 – August 12

## Contact Us

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## Stay in Touch

Find the calendar link at the bottom of our website homepage.

Sign up for our weekly e-blast for the latest updates. Call the office to receive a paper copy.

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# St. Matthew Happenings

**Summer Sundays** – through August 2

**Women's Bible Study** – Tuesdays through June 30

**Walking Group** – 10am Mondays

**Summer Pickleball** – 6:30-8pm Wednesdays

**Celebration of Life for Lois Reid** – June 13 at 1:30pm

**Meanderers Lunch** – June 18

**Salkehatchie Summer Service** – June & July

**Vacation Bible School** – July 27-31

## Prayers & Praises

Vicki Gore

The Davis Family

Anna Cobb

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Dorinda

Bonnie Lynch's mom, Jocelle

The Collier Family

Mike Shull's mom, Christine

Maya Powers' mom, Leya

Elinor DeYoung

Brian and Nancy Leach

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill