

ASCENSION

JESUS BLESSED THEM

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday
Sunday, June 1, 2025
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Piano Solo	<i>"A Sky Full of Stars"</i>	Coldplay
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Hymn 394 (vs. Ascension 1, Ascension 2, 5)		<i>"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Cello Solo	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	arr. R. Mooney

Word

First Reading		Acts 1:1-11
Cello Solo	<i>"Forlane"</i>	J. Aubert, arr. K. Wood
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 124
*Gospel Reading		Luke 24:44-53
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 393		<i>"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"</i>
Installation of the Boards of Directors of the Congregation and the Foundation		
*Prayers of Intercession		A: Your mercy is great.
*Peace		

The Meal

*Offering Hymn 374		<i>"Day of Arising"</i>
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 130

*Thanksgiving at the Table V	p. 130
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, in heaven...</i>)	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymns 496	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 880	<i>"O God Beyond All Praising"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Fugue in G minor"</i> D. Buxtehude

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It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Kim Schaner

Communion Servers: Pat Gielck and Linda McLellan

Piano Solo: Noah Bell

Cello Solo: James Meadows-Helmer

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

We thank our Board of Directors for their service this upcoming year: Kim Schaner (President), Mike Laking (Vice-President), Bob Karn (Secretary), Karen Loeb sack, Don Robins, Jason Smolak and Jim Treusch. We also thank the Foundation Board of Directors for their service this upcoming year: Sylvia McLeod (Secretary), Jim Sattler (Treasurer), Ivan George, Linda McLellan, Lana Moses, Ron Roeder and Peter Winkler.

Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

General Announcements

Town Hall Workshop: Our Pastoral Team and the Board of Directors invite you to an important Workshop:

Today! - Purposes - after Worship in the Community Hall – Lunch Provided. We will follow-up from the previous week and discuss the Purposes portion of the survey. This session will be participatory and we want your input in how you envision St. Matthews' future.

In the Fall, we will continue with two more workshops to work on Principles and Priorities.

Noontime Oasis update: Noontime Oasis is on pause during the summer holidays and will resume Wednesday September 3. Thanks to all who volunteered and attended this past year!

Did you miss it? Did you miss a worship service? The Broadcast Committee would like to share that recordings of Sunday services are now being uploaded to the Church website. The services are found in the [Worship Audio Archive](#) in the Worship section of the website. You may listen by clicking play on the audio player or download to your device to save and listen later. Services will normally appear on the website shortly after they conclude.



ST. MATTHEWS
presents

ANIMA



featuring

Daniel Cabena, Luke Hathaway,
Henry Oswald Peirson & Lesley Emma Bouza

Mouth minstrels & Soft minstrels



Wedded Pride



Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Including musical works by Roark, Cabena, Lang
de Castro, Dufay, Lymburgia and non Papa



A unique celebration in word & music, ancient & modern,
of queer love, friendship & marriage,
in honour of Pride and of the 20th anniversary of the Civil Marriage Act.

Admission: Pay What You Can



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Organ Festival Canada

Expanding Harmonies

Kitchener - Waterloo - Guelph, Ontario

Jonathan Oldengarm
In Concert

July 8th - 7:00 pm
First United Church
Waterloo



JS Bach's Long Walk in the Snow
with CBC's Tom Allen

July 7th - 5:00 pm
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener



Mon July 7 at 6:30 pm Larry Larson Jazz Quintet

Parking Lot of St. Matthews with food truck Free!

Mon July 7 at 7:30 pm Gerard Yun, Shakuhachi and Scott Knarr, organ

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Garden (off parking lot) Free!

Wed July 9 at 11:30 am Martin Jones, organ

St. Matthews Sanctuary

Wed July 9 at 7:30 pm Sarah Svensden, organ with The Esprit Singers (Winnipeg)

St. Matthews Sanctuary

More information: <https://rcco.ca/OFC>

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The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can “follow” to get updates.

