



MADISON

HEIGHTS CHURCH

LORD'S DAY • JULY 26, 2026

Congregational praise begins with God and his glory, not man and his need.

-ERIC ALEXANDER

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

-PSALM 29:1-4, 10-11

MEMBERS & GUESTS
ARE INVITED TO
BE SEATED BEFORE
WORSHIP AND AGAIN
DURING SINGING.
WE ASK OUR
GREETERS TO PAUSE
CONGREGATIONAL
SEATING DURING
CORPORATE PRAYERS
AND SACRAMENTS.

Psalms 104:24

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

Ephesians 1:3

*Blessed be the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has blessed
us with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenly
places.*

Colossians 1:3

*We always thank God, the
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ.*

WORSHIP IN SONG

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225. Music: German hymnal, 1623.

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part: Sing his praises! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship him in humbleness: O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,

O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Gloria Patri

2nd century hymn. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

—ISAIAH 54:10

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator 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.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life
everlasting. Amen.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Galatians 5:1, 13-18 • *"The Weight of Freedom"* • Nick Hughes
The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of our God will stand forever.
— ISAIAH 40:8

SONG OF RESPONSE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend ©1995 Thankyou Music.

How deep the Father's love for us! How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss! The Father turns his face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders!
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything--no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

BENEDICTION

LITURGICAL GUIDE

3K & 4K are invited
to the front for the
children's sermon and
then children's church.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

reminds us all that we are
no better than others and
that it is ONLY Grace
which makes any of us
what we are.

The Apostles' Creed is
called such, "*not because
it was produced by the
apostles themselves*" but
because it contains
a summary of their
teachings. It sets forth
their doctrine "*in sublime
simplicity, in unsurpassable
brevity, in beautiful
order, and with liturgical
solemnity.*" Its present
form is dated no later than
the 4th Century.

—CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 1988

Ephesians 1:17-18

*So that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith -
that you, being rooted and
grounded in love, may have
strength to comprehend
with all the saints what is
the breadth and length and
height and depth...*

SERMON NOTES

Galatians 5:1, 13-18 • *"The Weight of Freedom"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFINITY GROUPS, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet at 10am.

MHC.LIVE PODCAST

Randy Rhea joins host Phillip Palmertree in the final of a three-part series answering the question, "What Makes a Marriage Work?" Season 3, Episode 8 is now available in your podcast app.

PROMOTION SUNDAY will be Sunday, August 2. Children will move up to the class for their new grade and new Affinity Group topics begin.

BACK PORCH will be Sunday, August 2 at 5:30pm. Join us for a ministry fair, food trucks, and water slides. Our Jamaica Missions Team will share about their experience.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS will be Sunday, August 9 following the 11am service until 3pm in The Lodge.

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NEW MEMBER CLASS will be Sunday, August 16 following the 11am service until 3pm in The Lodge.

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GIVING @ MHC

Giving through end of June 2026

YTD Giving.....\$3,441,791

YTD Budget.....\$3,300,000

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Experience the Grace of Christ and Express the Truth of the Gospel.*

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WHO IS MADISON HEIGHTS?

There is no better answer than to listen to these four important messages about our mission!



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