



# MADISON

## HEIGHTS CHURCH

**LORD'S DAY • SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

*Fish were designed to swim, the sun to shine, and you to worship God. Grace welcomes you back to what you were designed for - worship.*

-PAUL TRIPP

### **CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER**

For your maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name;

*And the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.*

"In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you,

*But with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer.*

"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 54:5,8,10

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.

**Psalm 89:1**

*I will sing of the steadfast  
love of the Lord forever.*

**Psalm 106:1**

*Praise the Lord! Oh give  
thanks to the Lord, for  
his steadfast love endures  
forever!*

## WORSHIP IN SONG

### *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839.*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Based on Psalm 103. Words: Joachim Neander, 1680. Music: German tune, 1668.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

***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,

**CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE****CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.*

-EPHESIANS 1:7

**PREACHING OF THE WORD**

Hosea 4:1-19 • “Courtroom Controversy” • Rev. Randy Rhea  
*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

— ISAIAH 40:8

**SONG OF RESPONSE*****How Sweet and Awesome is the Place, with Unto the King***

*Isaac Watts. 1707. Old Irish hymn melody.*

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors  
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her storest

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast  
Each of us cry with thankful tongues “Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice and enter while there’s room  
When thousands make a wretched choice and rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in  
Else we had still refused to taste and perished in our sin

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come  
Send you victorious Word abroad and bring the strangers home

We long to see Thy churches full that all the chosen race  
May with one voice and heart and soul sing Thy redeeming grace

Now unto the King eternal, unto the King immortal  
Unto the King invisible, the only wise God, the only wise God

Oh unto the King be glory and honor, unto the King forever,  
Unto the King be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

**BENEDICTION****Luke 2:14**

*Glory to God in the highest!*

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.

**Ephesians 1:4-5**

*He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AFFINITY GROUPS, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will meet at 10am. Today, we will have combined Adult Sunday School in the sanctuary.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observation of Labor Day.

**FALL BIBLE STUDIES** for men and women will begin this Wednesday, September 9.

SCAN FOR  
WOMEN'S  
STUDIES



SCAN FOR  
MEN'S  
STUDIES



**MEN'S GOLF & DINNER**, hosted by our Men's Ministry, is Thursday, October 15 at 4:30pm at Lake Caroline.

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



**FALL FESTIVAL**, a churchwide event, is Sunday, October 25 at 5:30pm at the Lodge.

## GIVING @ MHC

*Giving through end of August 2026*

YTD Giving.....\$465,650

YTD Budget.....\$583,334

*MHC operates on a July - June fiscal year*

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## SERMON NOTES

Hosea 4:1-19 • *"Courtroom Controversy"*

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*Our Mission is to be a Refuge for Broken People where we  
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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