



MADISON

HEIGHTS CHURCH

LORD'S DAY • SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Worship is for God. It centers on recognizing that "great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" and on responding to that worthiness by gathering with others to praise God as is his due. If the community - and each of us as individuals in that body - focuses totally on the greatness of the Lord and his deserving to be praised, we will resist all idolatries of self and comfort and ease.

-MARVA DAWN

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,

And he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;

His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,
And his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

-DANIEL 7:13-14

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.

Isaiah 53:3

*He was despised and
rejected by men, a man of
sorrows and acquainted
with grief; and as one from
whom men hide their faces.*

Proverbs 18:10

*The name of the Lord is a
strong tower; the righteous
man runs into it and is
safe.*

1 John 3:2

*Beloved, we are God's
children now, and what
we will be has not yet
appeared; but we know
that when he appears we
shall be like him, because
we shall see him as he is.*

WORSHIP IN SONG

Man of Sorrows!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875.

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; "It is finished" was his cry.
Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth Redman & Matt Redman. © 2002 Thankyou Music.

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful.
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

We Long to See You/'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Wendell Kimbrough ©2015. Louisa M.R. Steed, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882.

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

CHILDREN'S SERMON & INTERLUDE

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
-ROMANS 8:33

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

Hosea 7:1-16 • *"Our Problem Is An Acrostic"* • Rev. Randy Rhea
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
— ISAIAH 40:8

SONG OF RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words: Isaac Watts, 1709. Music: Gregorian chant. Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Annette Allen	Dana Jones
Charlie Allen	Jase Jones
Jacob Black	Jason Jones
Ryan Black	Bill Shirley
Deanna Blanton	Diane Smith
Seth Blanton	Ricky Smith
Harrison Brewer	JP Williams
Sophia Brewer	Sara Williams
Mollie Brewer	
Chapel Davis	
Dean Davis	
Kelly Davis	

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

Galatians 6:14

Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FALL BIBLE STUDIES
for men and women began
Wednesday, September 9.
It's not too late to sign up.

SCAN FOR
WOMEN'S
STUDIES



SCAN FOR
MEN'S
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MHC.LIVE PODCAST
will release Episode 10 with
Wally Bumpas tomorrow
answering the question "If
God Already Knows, Why
Pray?" Subscribe to the
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Apple, Spotify or Google
Play.

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. More details to come.

GIVING @ MHC

Giving through end of August 2026

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

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

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SERMON NOTES

Hosea 7:1-16 • *"Our Problem Is An Acrostic"*

*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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