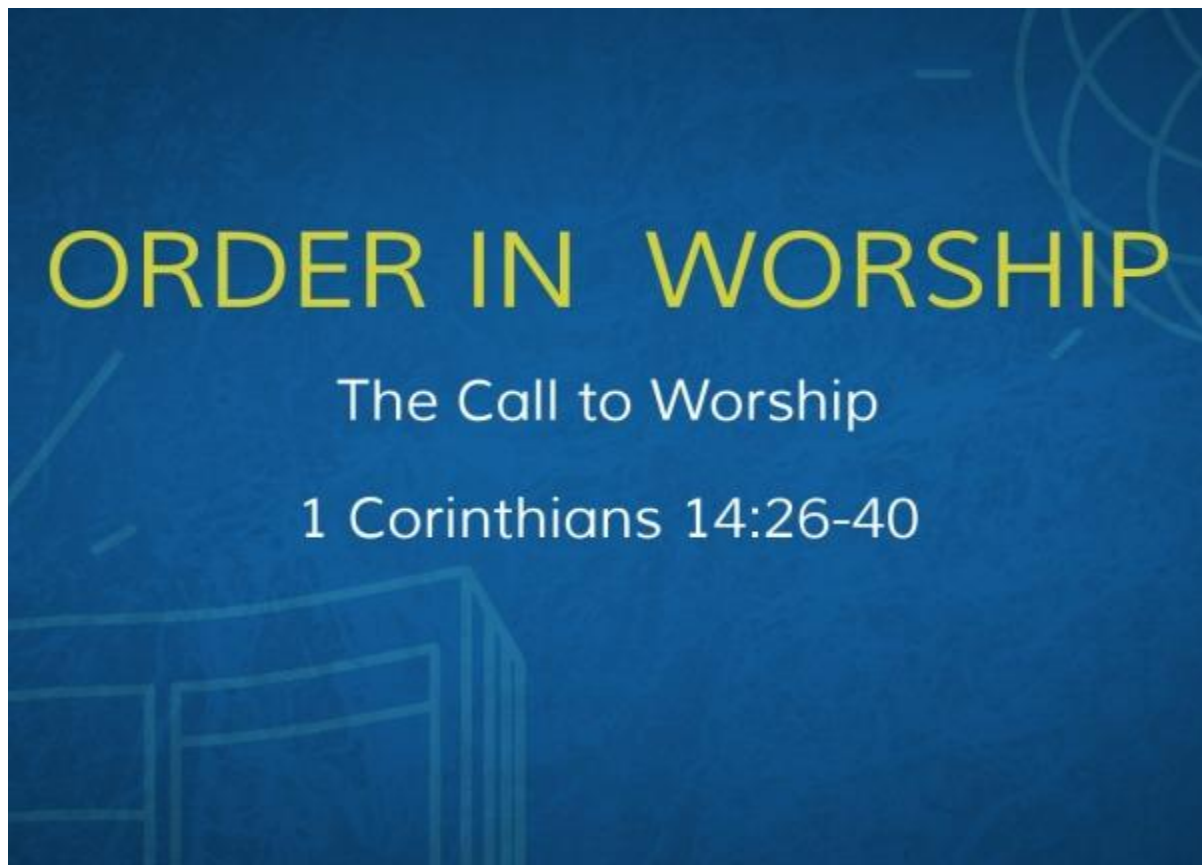




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Lesson 2 – Part 2

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Online Bible Study

6:30 pm

Streaming at stmatthewame.org/streaming

YouTube - [@stmatthew336](https://www.youtube.com/@stmatthew336) Facebook Live - [@stmatthewamechurch](https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewamechurch)

Zoom Meeting ID 973 678 1217, Passcode 6781293

Call-In 929-205-6099, Meeting ID 973 678 1217

I. Quick Review of Last Week

- A. Discussed the gift of speaking in tongues. Remember the purposes:
1. Edification
 2. Understanding

II. Tonight's Focus – Part 2 of 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

²⁶ What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. ²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. ²⁸ If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God.

²⁹ Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. ³⁰ And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. ³¹ For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. ³² The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.

³⁴ Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. ³⁵ If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

³⁶ Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached? ³⁷ If anyone thinks they are a prophet or otherwise gifted by the Spirit, let them acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. ³⁸ But if anyone ignores this, they will themselves be ignored. ³⁹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

III. Worship Points From This Passage

- A. There should be order in worship. Why?
1. Everything done in worship should be beneficial to the worshiper.
 2. Every worshiper should consider themselves a contributor, not a spectator.
 - a. *“...each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation.”*
 3. Everything done in worship should be beneficial *to the church.*

- a. *“Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.”*
4. The gifts of the Holy Spirit should be allowed to operate, but they must operate **in an orderly way.**
 - a. *²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. ²⁸ If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God. ²⁹ Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. ³⁰ And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. ³¹ For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.*
5. Being free in the Holy Spirit and having order in and during worship are not mutually exclusive. Not *“either/or,”* but *“both/and.”*
 - a. *³² The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.*
6. Worship to God should be offered out of love.
7. Worship should strengthen the faith of the worshiper.
- B. Worship Is/Should Be:
 1. Planned, not haphazard or *“thrown together.”*
 2. Intentional
 3. Synchronized
 4. Progressive, meaning, beginning with praise and moving towards the climax in the preaching of the Word of God.
 - a. Parts of worship that we have made more important than preaching
 5. A collective expression of praise and adoration to God.

IV. Women In Worship

1 Corinthians 14:34-36 NIV

³⁴ Women [wives] should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. ³⁵ If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church. ³⁶ Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached?

The Message Version

³⁴⁻³⁶ Wives must not disrupt worship, talking when they should be listening, asking questions that could more appropriately be asked of their husbands at home. God’s Book of the law guides our manners and customs here. Wives have no license to use the time of worship for unwarranted speaking. Do you—both women and men—imagine that you’re a sacred oracle

determining what's right and wrong? Do you think everything revolves around you?

- A. A contextual and cultural understanding is required here.
 - 1. Women were not allowed to confront men in public in the Corinthian culture.
 - 2. Women of that day did not receive formal religious education as the men did.
 - 3. Some of the women may have been abusing their newfound Christian freedom by disrupting worship with questions.
- B. **This passage does not prohibit women from speaking, prophesying, preaching, or participating in worship. Paul already acknowledged that women were involved in worship** (1 Cor 11, another curious passage. A discussion for another day). **It prohibits women from disrupting worship unnecessarily.**

1 Corinthians 11:2-16 NIV

²I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you. ³But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. ⁴Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. ⁵But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved. ⁶For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head. ⁷A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. ⁸For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; ⁹neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels. ¹¹Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. ¹²For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God. ¹³Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? ¹⁴Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, ¹⁵but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. ¹⁶If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God.

V. The Bottom Line

- A. *“Paul says”* that these are the Lord’s commands.
- B. Don’t ignore this information
- C. Prophesying will always be better than speaking in tongues, but we should never forbid speaking in tongues.



...AS IT RELATES TO WORSHIP!

VI. 3 More Bible Classes Before Summer Recess

1. June 16
2. June 23
3. June 30 (In-person at the church at 6 pm. Bring a dish).

Join Us Tomorrow Night!

A large, colorful graphic for a Holy Communion announcement. The background features a stylized illustration of a church building on the left. The top and bottom borders are decorated with a dark blue background, gold crosses, and olive branches. The central text is in gold and white. On the right, there is an icon of a group of people holding hands. The text includes the church name, the event title, the date and time, and the location.

St. Matthew AME Church

HOLY COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Matthew AME Church, Orange, NJ

We missed worshipping and celebrating Holy Communion with you in-person due to neighborhood power outage last Sunday.

We will gather again:
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
at 6:30 PM
for a special Service of Holy Communion.

We will also receive
Tithes and Offerings.

All Are Welcome!

Location:
336 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, NJ

NEWARK DISTRICT *Church School Convention*

A Lit Church School in a Changing World

"Ye are the light of the world. Shine & glorify your father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14, 16

Saturday, June 13, 2026

9:00AM-2:00PM

Saint Luke AME Church

146 Clinton Avenue, Newark NJ



Host Pastor

REVEREND DR. JOSEPH A. HOOPER
& FIRST LADY THERESA Y. HOOPER



Morning Preacher

REV. BRITTANY BETHEA
Pastor of St. Paul AME, Kenilworth



Sis. Francine Davis, Host Superintendent
Sis Lois Myers, NDCS Superintendent

Presiding Elder

REVEREND DR. JO-AN L. OWINGS



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Come With Us

JUNETEENTH

June 19, 2026



Location Changed to Greater Allen Cathedral

**Forest Hill Stadium
Queens, New York**

DONATION: \$50

Includes Concert Ticket & Transportation

Bus Leaving St. Matthew Church 2:00 PM

Tickets must be purchased by
June 10, 2026

Register
@<https://bit.ly/RTBJuneteenthNY26>

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27th
JUNE

Annual
**PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

The Importance and Power of Prayer

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

FREE WILL OFFERING \$20

Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 9AM - 12PM

8AM Individual Chapel Prayer

336 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ 07050

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TRAVEL

By Bus

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY



JULY 6-9, 2026

Departing & Returning From St. Matthew AME Church
336 Oakwood Ave., Orange, NJ

Donation: \$40

To Register & Pay Go To:
<https://bit.ly/Bus2ASPIRE>

Departure: Monday, July 6 8 AM
Return: Thursday, July 9 1 PM

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Itinerary

Saturday, August 8

- Departure from St. Matthew AME Church 7:30 am.
- Lunch @ Nordic Lodge, Charlestown, RI. 11 am - 1 pm
- Travel to Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA
In park from 3 pm - 8 pm
- Travel to Marriott Hartford/Windsor for overnight stay.

Sunday, August 9

- Departure @ 10:15 am for worship at Allen Chapel AME Church, Hartford, CT
- 11 am service and lunch at the church
- 2 pm departure for return to St. Matthew AME Church

Costs

Includes Nordic Lodge, Six Flags, Hotel, Transportation, Gratuities

1 Person, 1 King - \$455

2 Persons, 1 King or 2 Doubles - \$360 per person

3 Persons, 2 Doubles - \$330 per person

4 Persons, 2 Doubles - \$320 per person

Children 8-12 years, Deduct \$85 per child (must room with an adult)

Children 3-7 years, Deduct \$110 per child (must room with an adult)

\$150 Deposit Due June 28

**To Register & Pay Go to:
<https://bit.ly/StMattTrip>**

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SUMMER REVIVAL 2026

JULY 14-16



Rev. Oreslla Hughes
St. Luke AME Church
New York, New York

Tuesday, July 14, 2026



Rev. Dr. Carl Washington
New Mount Zion Baptist Church
New York, New York

Wednesday, July 15, 2026



Rev. Alphonsus Platt
Nia Fellowship Baptist Church
Orange, New Jersey

Thursday, July 16, 2026

6 PM Nightly Light Meal

7 PM Worship Service

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**21-24
 August**

Come Travel with Us



Reginald Lewis Museum



**Gaylord National Resort & Convention
 Center National Harbour, Md.**



Mount Zion UMC of Baltimore

Maryland Baltimore & National Harbour

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

- 7 AM Departure
- Stop in Baltimore at Reginald Lewis Museum
- Check-in at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD
- Rest of the Day on your own

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

- 9:30 AM Departure for worship at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Baltimore, MD. Bring change of clothes for cookout at the church after worship
- Return to hotel by 5 pm.
- Evening on our own

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

- Meet for lunch at 12 noon (included)
- Rest of the day on your own

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

Depart hotel for New Jersey at 11:30 AM

COST*

- 1 Person King - \$1,275
- 2 People King or 2 Queen Beds - \$835 per person
- 3 People, 2 Queen Beds - \$655 per person
- 4 People, 2 Queen Beds - \$580 per person

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$200 per person non-refundable deposit due May 1
- \$200 per person payment due June 1
- \$200 per person payment due July 1
- Balance due August 1

To Pay: Ttext at (973) 272-4332, CashApp (SStMthew), Zelle (973-280-7654), Givelify (Use QR Code), mail, or at www.stmatthewame.org

*Hotel, transportation, bus snacks, gratuities included