

Matawan United Methodist Church

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The Sixth Sunday in Easter

Mother's Day

9:45 Gathering and Songs of Praise

"Oceans" "Creation Calls" "My Jesus"

Beverly Karlovich, Tiffany Anastasatos, Lisa Riccardi

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (Projected)

***Hymn:** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" 66

***Opening Prayer** (Also Projected)

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for their children in all ways. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

***Sharing the Peace** - "The Family of God"

Proclamation and Response

Children's Message: "Because She Loved Me"

The Hebrew Scriptures: Psalm 139:7-18

Praise: "More Precious than Silver"

***Glory Be to the Father**

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sermon: "Spirit and Mother"

Baptism of Vinh Nguyen

Meditative Interlude

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: "God Will Make a Way"

***Doxology: Offering Prayer**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving / The Lord's Prayer**

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn:** "Victory in Jesus" 370

***Blessing and Response:** "Make Me a Servant"

**Stand if you are able.*

The United Methodist Women are gathering hygienic items to be collected in kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to be available for disaster events in our country.

Thrift Store: Tues. 6 pm-8 pm; Thur 10 am-2 pm; Sat 10 am-2pm
Food Pantry 2nd and 4th Tues 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Thu 10 am-11:30 am