

## ***Matawan United Methodist Church***

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**July 23, 2023**

**The Eighth Sunday in Summer / Pentecost**

(There are 13 Sundays in this Season.)

**9:45 Gathering and Songs of Praise**

“Your Name Is Holy”

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

“Shout to the Lord”

Beverly Karlovich - Tiffany Anastasatos

Keri Frazer - Lisa Riccardi

*You're invited to write your prayer requests on the card inside the bulletin. These will be collected by the ushers after the sermon. If you wish, include your name.*

**\*Call to Worship** (Projected)

**\*Hymn:** “Fairer Lord Jesus” 189 vv. 1, 3, 4

**\*Opening Prayer** (Also Projected)

We offer to you our words, O God, —those tiny chips of meaning we spread abroad so easily—and, often, so thoughtlessly. Keep us ever attentive to the impact of our words, particularly the ways they can cause pain or foster insecurity. Make of our speech a force that does not destroy, but rather builds up: so even our voices of protest may serve the greater cause of reconciling the human race to you. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**\*Sharing the Peace** - “The Family of God”

### **Proclamation and Response**

**Children’s Sermon:** “Weeds in the Garden”

**The Hebrew Scriptures:** Psalm 86:11-17

**Praise:** “Only by Grace”

**\*Glory Be to the Father**

**The Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Sermon:** “Weeds in the Soul”

**Meditative Music** - Collecting Prayer Request Cards

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory:** “God Will Make a Way”

**\*Doxology:** Offering Prayer

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

### **Sending Forth**

**\*Closing Hymn:** “How Great Thou Art” 77 1, 2, 4

**\*Blessing and Response:** “Make Me a Servant” 2176

*\*Stand if you are able.*

*The United Methodist Women are welcoming financial gifts for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Your offerings will help supplement items for hygienic kits 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