

Matawan United Methodist Church

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The Last Sunday in Summer / Pentecost

(There are 13 Sundays in this Season.)

9:45 Gathering and Songs of Praise

“God Is on the Move” “Amazing Grace”

“Who You Say I Am”

Tiffany Anastasatos - Keri Frazer

Beverly Karlovich - 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:** “The Church’s One Foundation” 545 vv. 1, 2, 5

***Opening Prayer** (Also Projected)

O God, we trust in your power, even as it is often found in weakness; in your wisdom, even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness; in your wholeness, even as it comes to us amid brokenness. We come to worship you. Touch us this day, O Lord, sinners that we are, that we might become your saints, your body, your children, your church. For this temple of your Spirit is built not upon our own abilities, knowledge or restorative skill, but upon you, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Inspired by 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 and 1 Corinthians 3:18-20

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***Prayer of Confession**

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

Children’s Sermon: “Jacob’s Ladder”

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 51:1-5

Praise: “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

***Glory Be to the Father**

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: “Three Holy Rocks”

Meditative Music - Collecting Prayer Request Cards

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: “What Can I Do?”

***Doxology:** Offering Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn:** “Forward Through the Ages” 555

***Blessing and Response:** “Go Now in Peace” 665

Please Note: Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, September 10.

**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