

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

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**September 17, 2023**

**The Third Sunday in Autumn/Kingdomtide**

(There are 13 Sundays in this final season.)

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

*“Faithful One” - “Mighty to Save - “Today”*

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.*

***Kindly silence your cell phone.***

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

**\*Hymn:** “Because He Lives” 364

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

O God of Joseph and all his brothers, your forgiveness goes far beyond whatever wrong exists between us.

Grant us the courage to forgive others, and to practice reconciliation by the kindness of our speaking, the sharing of our resources, and the honoring of your desire for goodness. Amen.

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

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

**Children’s Sermon:** “The Parting of the Red Sea”

### **Proclamation and Response**

**The Hebrew Scriptures :** Genesis 50:15-21

**Praise:** “Breath of God”

**\*Glory Be to the Father**

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

**Sermon:** “AS We Forgive”

**Meditative Music** - Collecting Prayer Request Cards

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory:** “Cry of My Heart”

**\*Doxology:** Offering Prayer

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

### ***Sending Forth***

**\*Blessing and Response:** “Thank You, Lord!”

*\*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