

Matawan United Methodist Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Autumn / Kingdomtide

(There are 13 Sundays in this final season.)

9:45 Gathering and Songs of Praise

Keri Frazer - Beverly Karlovich

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

***Opening Prayer** (Also Projected)

God of miracles and of mercy,
all creation sings your praise.

Like the vineyard owner,
your grace is extravagant and unexpected.

Lead us to repentance
and the acceptance of your grace,
that we may witness to your love,
which embraces both those we call friend
and those we call stranger. Amen.

Revised Lectionary Prayers

***Prayer of Confession**

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

Children's Sermon: "Stand Firm"

Proclamation and Response

The New Testament : Philippians 1:21-30

Praise: "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"

***Glory Be to the Father**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: "Ponder a Punch Line"

Meditative Music - Collecting Prayer Request Cards

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: "All Who Are Thirsty"

***Doxology:** Offering Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving - The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" 98

***Blessing and Response:** "The Trees of the Field"

**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