

Matawan United Methodist Church

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The Second Sunday in Lent

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.

9:45 Gathering and Songs of Praise

"Here I Am to Worship"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" - "We Believe"

***Call to Worship** (Projected)

***Hymn:** "Grace Alone" 2162

***Opening Prayer** (Also Projected)

Lord God, from the farthest corners of the universe to the most tender place within our hearts Your Grace abounds with energy and joy to every living creature. We praise you for the gift of Your sustaining Grace and ask that in this service Your Holy Spirit of wisdom would increase our deep relish of the power of Grace so that we may have confidence in every circumstance and in every need. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

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

Proclamation and Response

Children's Message: "Jesus Dwelling Among Us"

The New Testament: Colossians 1:15-20

Praise: "God Will Make a Way"

***Glory Be to the Father**

The Gospel: John 1:1-18

The Sermon: "Enbraced by Grace"

Meditative Music - Michael Pinnella

Collecting Prayer Request Cards

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: "Change My Heart O God"

***Doxology:** Offering Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn:** "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

365 vv. 1, 3, 4

***Blessing and Response:** "Shalom to You" 666

"The Seven Last Words"

The Wednesdays of Lent

Beginning Feb. 21

7 PM - Pastor's Office

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