

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

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### **The Third 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.*

### **Gathering and Songs of Praise**

"Because of Your Love" - "Sing of Your Great Love"

"At the Cross"

10:00 \*Call to Worship (Projected)

\*Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" 593

\*Opening Prayer (Also Projected)

O God, prepare a place in our hearts where we can hear behind our ears, beyond our heads and thoughts. May silence be the echo chamber of Your Word resounding in the walls of the temple of our hearts. As we let go of expectations, may we wait until you bring your presence into the empty temple of our souls. Amen .

### **Prayer of Confession**

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

### **Proclamation and Response**

**Children's Message:** "Jesus Cleans the Temple"

**The New Testament:** Ephesians 2:13-22

**Praise:** "Sanctuary"

\***Glory Be to the Father**

\***The Gospel:** John 2:13-22

**The Sermon:** "The Empty Temple"

**Meditative Music** - Michael Pinnella

Collecting Prayer Request Cards

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory:** "We Are Called"

\***Doxology:** Offering Prayer

**The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**

\***Closing Hymn:** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" 297

\***Blessing and Response:** "Make Me a Servant"

Join us after worship  
for refreshments and fellowship.

***"The Seven Last Words"***

The Wednesdays of Lent

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