

Matawan United Methodist Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

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

“Here and Now” - “Faithful One” - “Today Is the Day”

10:00 Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” 496

***Opening Prayer** (Also Projected)

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck

***Prayer of Confession**

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

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scriptures: Nehemiah 8:5-6, 8-10

Praise: “Make Us One”

Children’s Message: “Many Parts, One Body”

Glory Be to the Father

The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

The Sermon: “God Is a Verb”

Musical Interlude: Collecting Prayer Request Cards

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

***Doxology:** Offering Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn:** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” 133

***Blessing / Response:**

“And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love, yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

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; Thur. 10 am-11:30