

Matawan United Methodist Church

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Songs of Praise:

“Shine, Jesus Shine” - “Stay Amazed”

“My Jesus”

10:00 Welcome

* **Call to Worship** (Projected)

* **Opening Hymn:** “Sweet Hour of Prayer” 496

* **Opening Prayer** - (Also Projected)

O Lord, in thanksgiving would I live each moment.
So well-versed in your love would I be, that I approach
each situation knowing that within it rests my highest
good. So intimate with you do I desire to be, that no
fear daunts me.

Only in you can full life be found, can I go beyond my
feelings of imprisonment, can I come to the life
victorious. May I stay close to you today and know
eternal life.

When I am restless, when doors are closed against my
dreams, when there are mountains or valleys
to be traveled, may I stay with you.

You are the way. I will not be lost.

You are the truth. Guide me, O Lord.

You are the life. Give me the life I need. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Sharing the Peace - “The Family of God”

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scriptures: Psalm 32:1-7

Praise Song: “We Believe”

Children’s Message “Zacchaeus Goes Out on a Limb”

Glory Be to the Father

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Sermon: “The Gaze of Compassion”

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

Praise Team: “I Believe in Jesus”

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving/ the Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn: “He Lives” 310

The Blessing - Response: “Days of Elijah”

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