

Matawan United Methodist Church

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Ascension Sunday

The Seventh Sunday in Easter

Songs of Praise:

“Shout to the Lord” - “Mighty to Save”,
“Cry of My Heart”

10:00 Welcome

***Call to Worship** (Projected)

***Opening Hymn:** “This Is My Father’s World” 144

Opening Prayer - (Also Projected)

Precious Love,
your ascended Son promised the gift of holy power.
Send your Spirit of revelation and wisdom,
that in the blessed freedom of hope,
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness
and sing songs of joy with the peoples of earth
to the One who makes us one body. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Sharing the Peace - “The Family of God”

Proclamation and Response

The New Testament: Acts 1:6-14

Praise Team: “More Precious than Silver”

Children’s Message: “In the World—not of the World”

***Glory Be to the Father**

***Gospel:** John 17:1-11

Sermon: “Welcome to God’s World!”

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: “I Believe in Jesus”

The Offering - Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth:

***Closing Hymn:** “To God Be the Glory” 98

***The Blessing**

Response: “Lead Me, Lord” 473

***Please stand if you are able.**

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