

Matawan United Methodist Church

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The Ninth of Thirteen Weeks in Pentecost

Gathering and Songs of Praise

“At the Cross” - “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

“Here and Now”

10:00 Welcome and Call to Worship (Projected)

Opening Hymn: “When the Poor Ones”

UMH 434 vv. 1, 2, 4

***Opening Prayer** (Also Projected)

Seed-planting, fish-netting, bread-baking, pearl-hunting God,

you shape us into living parables.

Pray with your Spirit in us

so that we may understand our experiences

as healing metaphors,

and become creative and abundant stewards

of the environment you entrusted to our love. Amen.

Prayers from the Lectionary

Prayer of Confession

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

Proclamation and Response

The New Testament: Romans 8:26-39

Praise: “More Precious than Silver”

Glory Be to the Father

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Sermon: “Compassion: A Hidden Treasure”

Musical Interlude: Collecting Prayer Request Cards

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: “In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful”

***Doxology:** Offering Prayer

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

***Closing Hymn:** “Forward Through the Ages” 555

***Response:** “Shalom to You” UMH 666

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