

Matawan United Methodist Church

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August 23, 2026

The Last Sunday in Pentecost

Gathering and Songs of Praise

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

“Rising” - “Be Unto Your Name”

10:00 Welcome and Call to Worship (Projected)

Opening Hymn:

“As a Fire is Meant for Burning” TFWS 2237

***Opening Prayer (Also Projected)**

O God, lift us above the unstable currents of our self-will and establish us on the rock of your purposes. Be to each of us the secret stay and the inner guide of our lives. May your Spirit dwell in us more and more, that your peace which exceeds all understanding may possess our hearts and minds. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

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

Proclamation and Response

The New Testament: 1 Peter 2:2-9

Praise: “Christ Beside Me”

Children’s Message: “Followers of Jesus”

Glory Be to the Father

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The Sermon: “Breathing, Living Stones”

Musical Interlude: Collecting Prayer Request Cards

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: “I Will Lift My Hands”

***Doxology: Offering Prayer**

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

***Closing Hymn: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” TFWS 2173**

***Response: “Go Now in Peace” UMH 665**

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