

Matawan United Methodist Church

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August 30, 2026

The First of Thirteen Sundays in Kingdomtide

Gathering and Songs of Praise

“All Over the World” - “Lord Most High”

“Lord I Need You”

10:00 Welcome and Call to Worship (Projected)

Opening Hymn: “Lift High the Cross”

UMH 159 vv. 1-3

***Opening Prayer (Also Projected)**

Holy God, it seems to be our natural human inclination to resist the truth that suffering is part of life. Merciful Savior, grant us the wisdom to embrace suffering as a gift, to receive the lessons that pain alone can teach us with thankfulness, We ask for courage to follow in Jesus's footsteps, as he greeted his own suffering with dignity, humility and grace. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

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

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scriptures: Jeremiah 15:16-21

Praise: “We Will Glorify”

Children’s Message: “Following Jesus’s Rules”

Celebrating the Week of

“Illumination Station”

Glory Be to the Father

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-26

The Sermon: “God’s Whyless Love”

Musical Interlude: Collecting Prayer Request Cards

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: “Make Us One”

***Doxology: Offering Prayer**

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

***Closing Hymn: “The Summons” TFWS 2130 vv. 1-3**

***The Blessing**

Response: “Theme Song from Illumination Station”

Thrift Store: Tues. 6 pm-8 pm; Thur 10 am-2 pm; Sat 10 am-2pm

Food Pantry 2nd and 4th Tue 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Thu 10 am-11:30