

MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2023 – THY KINGDOM COME



Celebrating 220+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Directors: Stephen & Wayzeta Strouse

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Worship Bulletin

Please set all cell phones to airplane mode.

During the first hymn, the ushers will collect Prayer Concern Cards.

Please sign the Attendance Pad & pass it down the pew (Guests please include your address).

** = The congregation is invited to stand.*

Prelude

Introit: *Let Us Come Before the Lord* S. Holcomb
Let us come before the Lord our God. Let us come with hearts of praise before His Throne.
Let us bow before His Throne. Let us give adoration to the King.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, my heart sings alleluia.

Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: And, also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

C: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 158**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (adopted from Psalm 51)

L: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving kindness.

C: In Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

L: Create in us a clean heart, O God

C: And renew a right spirit within us.

L: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation.

C: And uphold us with a willing spirit.

L: Have mercy on us and forgive us;

C: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

L: The LORD God is compassionate and gracious,

C: Slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness.

L: As far as the east is from the west,

C: so far has God removed our sins from us.

L: We are forgiven in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises

Special Music

Psalm 150

D. & J. Perry/MUMC Choir

Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-8 (8:30) David Armstrong (11:00) Pastor Choi

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He ^[a]prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

L: The word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

Abide in Christ

Pastor Choi

*** Hymn #400:**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology (#95)**

Prayer of Dedication:

L: O Lord, as we present this offering upon your altar,

C: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

L: Use our words and actions of love and kindness to spread the love of Christ.

C: May all of our gifts and services be acceptable in your sight.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. **C: Amen.**

*** Hymn #389:**

Freely, Freely

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."
2. All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,

*And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."*

Benediction

Benediction Response:

Christ Be With You

Christ be with you, Christ within you, Christ beside you, Christ above you.

Christ to comfort and restore you, Christ behind you, Christ before you.

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in word to friend and stranger.

Christ be with you serving others, Christ beneath you, Christ above you, Christ be with you.

Postlude

Today's Altar Bouquets are presented **to the Glory of God**
In Loving Memory of Judith Pancoast
By the Pancoast Family
(Nurture-two)

Worship Leaders:	(8:30) Rich Mueller	(11:00) Angela Lowe
Greeters:	(8:30) Bonnie & Bruce Nelson	(11:00) Volunteers
Ushers:	(8:30) Emma Lowe & Bob Havekost	(11:00) Volunteer & Al Simons
Acolyte:	(8:30) Ava Guido	(11:00) Volunteer

CHURCH STAFF

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**PRAYER REQUESTS will be kept for 4 weeks.
If you want longer, please call the office 609-597-7666.**

For our President, Congress, World Leaders, and all those called to Active Duty.
For the Christians and churches who are under attack. For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti. For the people of Hawai'i. For the people of Libya. For the people of Morocco. For the people in Libya.

For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc:

Joe Allen, Steve Citron, Delceta White, ,the Taylor family, Kristin Nuckles, Lynne Gordon, Melissa and Richard Blake, Jim Saltzman, the Woolard family, Kevin, Lynne Jacobacci, Kyechang, the McShea family, Marian, Ken Schorr Jr., Howard Farley, Terry & Pat Carruthers, Victor, Danielle Roguso, Diana, Beverly Thompson, Glenn Schorr, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Douglas & Nancy Dorner, Dorothy Dorner, Randall & Mary Seba, Don Mondi, Sue Mondi & family, Arleen & Bill Logan's sister, Helen Dondzila, Anthony Vitelli, Alan D'Atrio.

Hear my cry, O God listen to my prayer.
Psalms 61:1

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, September 10, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun.	Sep.	17	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Worship Services/ Coffee Hour begins
			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School begins

THIS WEEK

Mon.	Sep.	18	7 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed.	Sep.	20	9 - 12 p.m.	Parents Morning Out
			10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
			6 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal/large classroom
			7 p.m.	Choir rehearsal/sanctuary
Thu.	Sep.	21	11 a.m.	Prayer Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME! If you are a guest or visitor, please see an usher at the conclusion of this service, to receive our Welcome Packet. It will tell you a bit more about us here at MUMC. We hope that you will come back to see us again!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Starts today, September 17, at 9:45.

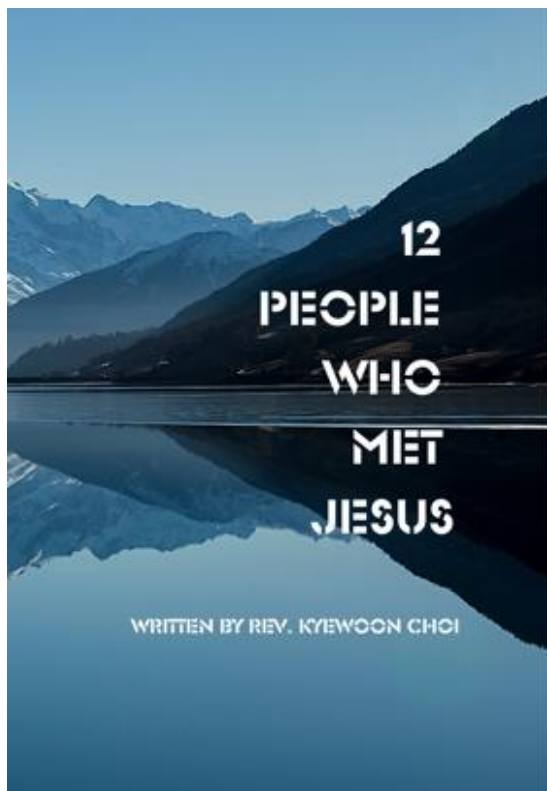
COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, September 18, at 7 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: For this week will be Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-12 p.m. and Thursday 9-1 p.m.

PARENTS MORNING OUT: We are going to have a community service for people in the area to bring their two and three year olds to a "school-like" setting in our church. It will be on a Wednesday morning, from 9-12:00, and pay as you go. The price will be \$20.00 for the three hours with two adults supervising and interacting with the children. Please pass the word as we establish this new program Thank you, Lovisa Hill

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for September are macaroni & cheese and canned fruit. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.

Pastor Choi's New Book Is Available on Amazon.com



In this book, Pastor Choi introduces twelve people whose lives changed forever after they met Jesus. They include the fisherman, the mad man, the dying man, the doubting man, the desperate mother, and so on. The reader will learn anew about the power of transformation that comes through the encounter with Jesus our Lord and Savior. If you would like, you can purchase it on Amazon.com. Simply type in search window: 12 People Who Met Jesus Kyewoon Choi.

All proceeds through book sales go to charities.

An update: In the past 3 months, through your book purchase, you helped Pastor Choi to raise \$200 for Angel Tree. Thanks.