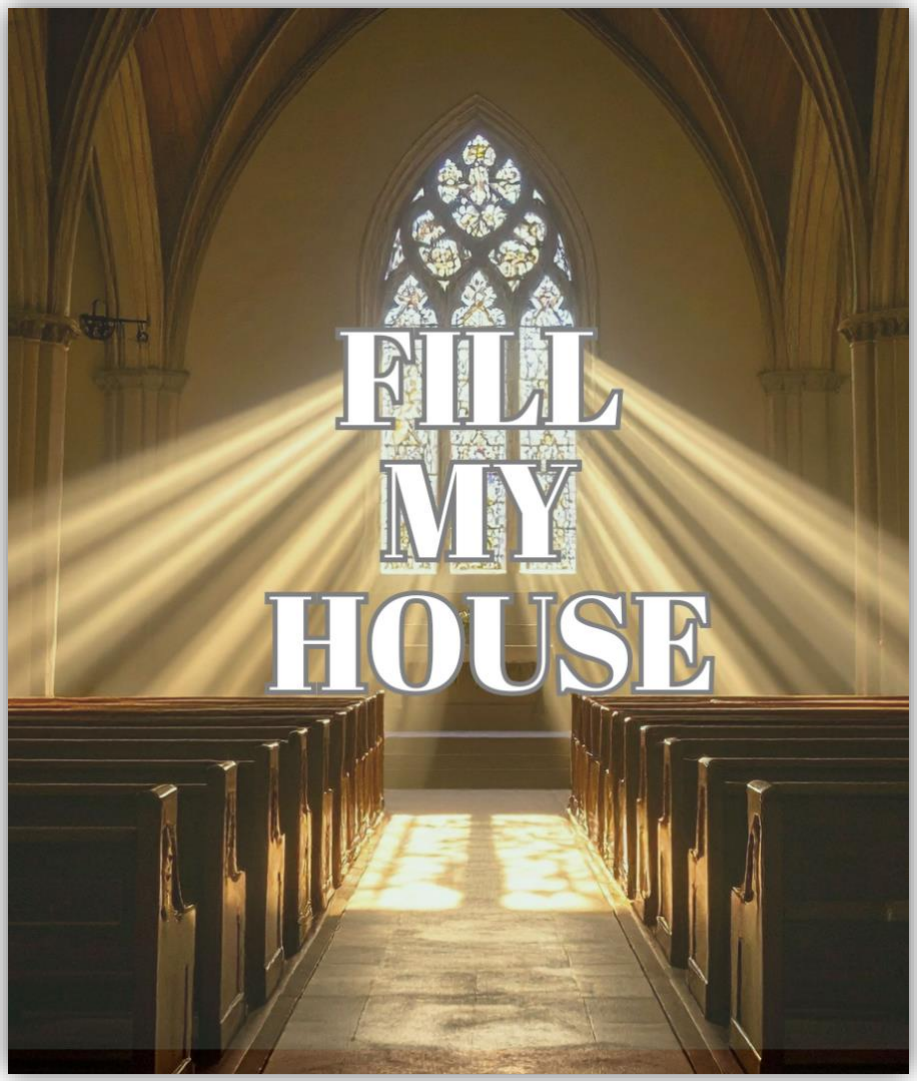
MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2026 – THE YEAR OF… FILL MY HOUSE



Celebrating 223+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
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 *Gymnopedie* E. Satie

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***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 #98:** *To God Be the Glory*

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, Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Luke 8:4-15 (8:30) Pastor Choi (11:00) Cyle Matthews

4 When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were
journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable: 5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and
as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of
the air ate it up. 6 Other *seed* fell on rocky *soil*, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away,
because it had no moisture. 7 Other *seed* fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with
it and choked it out. 8 Other *seed* fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a
hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to
hear, let him hear."

9 His disciples *began* questioning Him as to what this parable meant. 10 And He said, "To you it
has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is* in
parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.

11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. 12 Those beside the road are those
who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that
they will not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rocky *soil are* those who, when they hear,
receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time
of temptation fall away. 14 The *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who
have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and
pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15 But the *seed* in the good soil, these are
the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear
fruit with perseverance.

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

Special Music: (8:30) *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional Irish Melody/Dennis Linde
(11:00) *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. J. N. Beck/MUMC Choir

Sermon *The Parable of the Sower 3* Pastor Choi

*** Hymn #130 (v. 1-2):** *God Will Take Care of You*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: *When Love Is Found* H. Hopson

***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 #130 (v. 3-4):** *God Will Take Care of You*

Benediction
Benediction Response *Go Now in Peace* by Don Besig and Nancy Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Postlude: *Faith of Our Fathers* H. Hemy

Worship Leader:	(8:30) Pastor Choi	(11:00) Pastor Choi
Greeters:	(8:30) Volunteers	(11:00) Dorothy Dorner
Ushers:	(8:30) Paul & Alice Cranmer	(11:00) Pauline McShea & Volunteer
Acolyte:	(8:30) Gabby Fernandez-Gomez	(11:00) Volunteer

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kyewoon Choi, Pastor
Dennis Linde, Music Director
Lauren Kokai, Holy Spirit Ringers Director
Kathy Cavanagh, Secretary
Lori Nielsen, Sexton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun.	Mar.	15	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services
			3 p.m.	Confirmation Class

THIS WEEK

Mon.	Mar.	16	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Parents Morning Out
			6 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
			7 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed.	Mar.	18	9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
			7 p.m.	Choir Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mar.	22	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services
			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
			12:10 p.m.	Scholarship meeting
			3 p.m.	Confirmation Class

EMILY EISMANN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: are due **to the office by March 18, 2026**. If you need a copy of the application, please visit or call the church office during working hours.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: are due in the church office , with payments, the latest by next Sunday, March 22, 2026. Orders must be placed with the florist by then.

VENDOR FAIR: The MUWIF will be holding their yearly Vendor Sale on May 2, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested, please see the insert for details . For more information, you may contact Beth Schenck.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: to serve once a month as greeters, ushers, readers and acolytes. Can you help? Please let Pastor or the church secretary know!

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

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 peace between Israel and Gaza. For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc.:

Bob Schenck, Kenneth Linde, Pam, Tom Wells, Lee Slater, Randy Pouliot, Paige Thurber, Noel, Anthony Vitelli III, Chrissy Monforte, Kaley, Anthony, Chris Beyer, Alice Cranmer, Rosemary Pecoraro, Paul Cranmer, Bonnie Lobb, Roger, Joe Triano, Sue & Rick, Uncle Skip, the Bianco family, Jennifer Abbott, Beverly Jonas, Iris Steinmetz' brother, Debbie Schroeder and family, Dean Wetmore, Regina Howard, Karen Steen, Keri Buscaglia, the DiSanzo family, Mary Ellen McCarthy, John Hauge, Joy Houghton, Kristen Thatcher, Jeanne Swenson, Royal Wells, Carol Pine, Dorothy Hadden, Violeta Lucariello, Sam Blake, Ken Schorr Sr., Rob DeVito, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Shirley Elliott, Ann Scaturo, Arleen Logan, Eileen Mahan, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Aileen Logan, Phyllis Bromiley, Carlos Lopez, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

"My foot has held fast to His path;
I have kept His way and not turned aside.
Job 23:10-11

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, March 8, 2026
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MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
P.O. Box 487, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM April 5, 2026

Please use this form for ordering your Easter Altar Flowers. Attach payment for amount ordered. Checks to be made out to: **"Manahawkin UMC"**, please write **Easter Plant/s** for the memo on your check. You may place order forms in the Collection Plate during any Worship Service or in the Church Office, or mail to our PO Box above, to arrive by **March 22, 2026.**

All Orders must be in, no later than Sunday, March 22, 2026

_____ **Easter Lilies** **$10.00**

_____ **Hyacinths** **$10.00**

_____ **Tulips** **$10.00**

(__) **In Memory of:** _____

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Given By: _____

Phone Number/s _____

Phone Number/s are important, for spelling or questions from secretary.

(__) **In Honor of:** _____

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(__) Check here, if you are ordering more flowers on the back of this form, or on a second sheet.

(__) **Plant/s to be picked up (after either Easter Worship Service)**
(__) **Plant/s to be given to Shut-in.**

Payment must be included with your order. **Amount enclosed:** _____

Calling All Vendors!

Vendor FAIR

Saturday, May 2 | **9:00am - 2:00pm**

Hosted By Manahawkin United Women In Faith

Register Now To Sell

$30 **Indoor Table**
*Includes one table/2 chairs

$25 **Outdoor Space**
*Provide own table
Held Rain or Shine

Manahawkin United Methodist Church
116 Stafford Ave

For more information please contact Beth
KF2BQ@comcast.net or Call/Text 609-618-3668

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev-ery be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend-er who
joic-ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high-er, and

tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re - ceives.
great-er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.

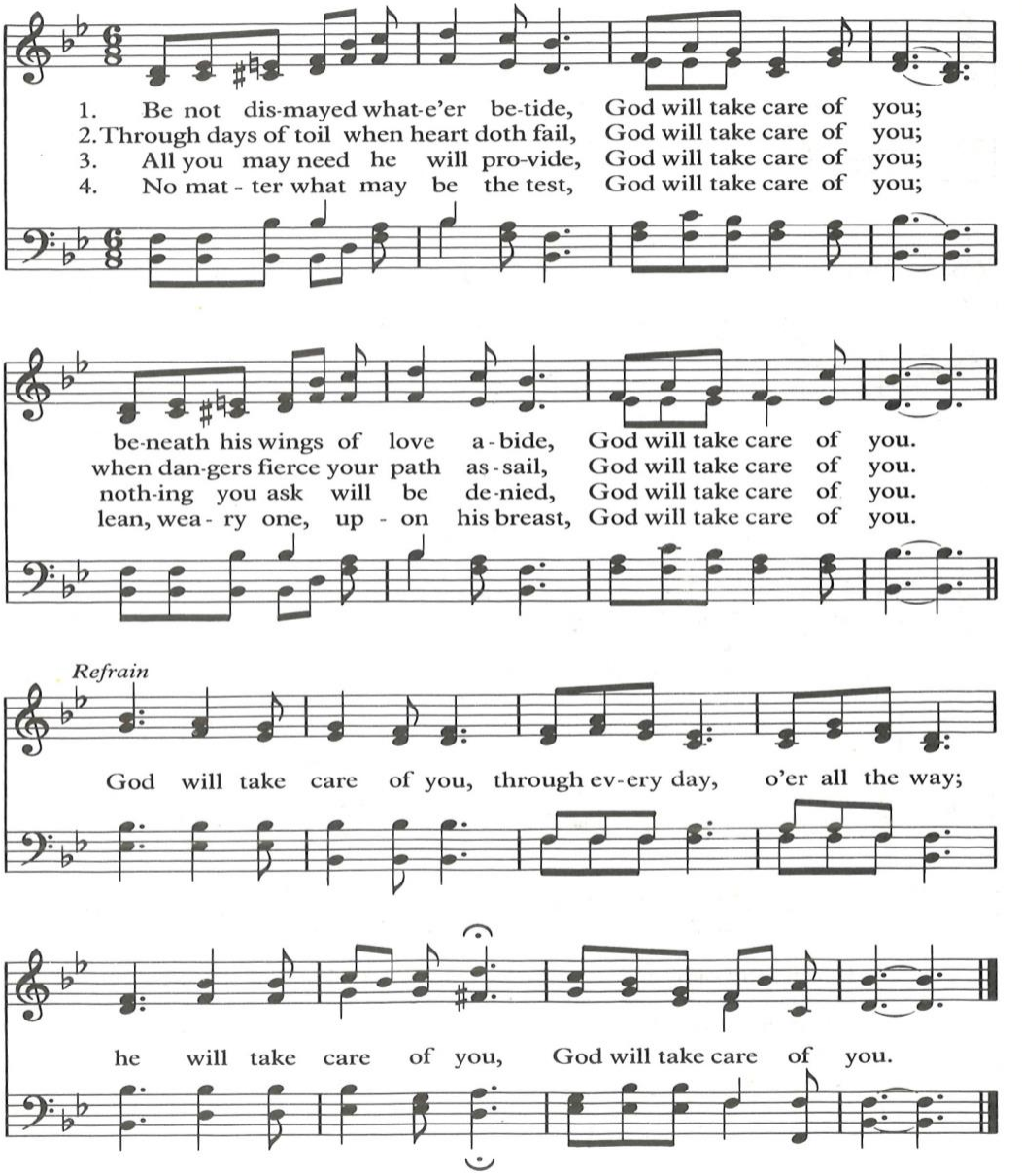
Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re - joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo-ry, great things he hath done!

130 God Will Take Care of You



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MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin, 1905

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