

MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2026 – THE YEAR OF... FILL MY HOUSE



Celebrating 223+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 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

Adoration

F. Price

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 99 (2x):**

My Tribute

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (adopted from Psalm 139)

L: LORD, You have searched us out and known us

C: You know our sitting down and rising up

L: You discern our thoughts from afar.

C: Where can we go from Your spirit?

L: Where can we flee from Your presence?

C: Have mercy on us, O God

L: Grant us Your pardon

C: In Jesus' name. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us;

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises, Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Luke 8:4-15 (8:30) Hailey Fernandez-Bryan (11:00) Lin DelVecchio

⁴When 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. ⁶Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. ⁸Other 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.”

⁹His disciples *began* questioning Him as to what this parable meant. ¹⁰And 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. ¹²Those 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. ¹³Those 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. ¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵But 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

3:16

A. Wilson/Kathy Cavanagh

Sermon

Good Seed + Good Heart = Good Fruit

Pastor Choi

*** Hymn #131 (v.1-2):**

We Gather Together

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

W. Leupold

***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 #131 (v. 3):

We Gather Together

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

Largo

G. Handel

Worship Leader: (8:30) Pastor Choi

(11:00) Nathaniel Eismann

Greeters: (8:30) Bill & Alice Welsh

(11:00) Ken & Judy Schorr

Ushers: (8:30) Volunteers

(11:00) Dianne Menzopane & volunteer

Acolyte: (8:30) Patrick Scarangella

(11:00) Jayden Welsh

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kyewoon Choi, Pastor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Mon.	Mar.	23	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Parents Morning Out
			6 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
			7 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed.	Mar.	25	9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
			7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thu.	Mar.	26	6:30-8 p.m.	Youth Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Mar.	29	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Palm Sunday Services
			9:45 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
			3 p.m.	Confirmation Class

EASTER EGG HUNT: Come and join us on Palm Sunday, March 29th, between services, for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! All families and friends are welcome! Candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt are being accepted in the large container located in the narthex.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: are due in the church office, with payments, **TODAY!**

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 Scaturro, Arleen Logan, Eileen Mahan, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Aileen Logan, Phyllis Bromiley, Carlos Lopez, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, March 15, 2026

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY SERVICES: MARCH 29, 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: APRIL 2, 7 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE: APRIL 3, 12 NOON
@OCEAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: APRIL 3, 7 P.M. IN SANCTUARY

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES: APRIL 5, 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.



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*Good,
ol' fashion*
HYMN SING!



April 12 at 3:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Manahawkin United Methodist
Church

116 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin NJ

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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: _____

Given By: _____

Phone Number/s _____

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

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

Phone Number/s _____

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

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



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116 Stafford Ave**

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

My Tribute

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To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry,

to God be the glo - ry for the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;

to God be the glo - ry for the things he has done.

We Gather Together

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1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - umphant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!