

MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2026 – THE YEAR OF... FILL MY HOUSE



Celebrating 223+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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

Finlandia

J. Sibelius

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 #88:**

Maker, in Whom We Live

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 Lessons: Romans 1:21-22 (8:30) James Steen (11:00) Cyle Matthews

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

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

Special Music (8:30)	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Y. You
(11:00)	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>	L. Klein/MUMC Choir

Sermon	<i>3 Things that Darken Your Heart</i>	Pastor Choi
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The Apostles' Creed	Hymnal page #881
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* Hymn #395 (v. 1-2):	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>
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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:	<i>I Am His and He Is Mine</i>	J. Mountain
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*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 #395 (v. 3-4):	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>
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Benediction

Benediction Response	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	by Don Besig and Nancy Price
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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:

Minuet in G Minor

G. F. Handel

Worship Leader:	(8:30) James Steen	(11:00) Pastor Choi
Greeters:	(8:30) Volunteers	(11:00) Dorothy Dorner
Ushers:	(8:30) Paul & Alice Cranmer	(11:00) Marissa & Madelaine Barry
Acolyte:	(8:30) Gabby Fernandes-Gomez	(11:00) Patrick Scrangella



CHURCH STAFF

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun.	Sep.	20	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Services/Coffee Hour Sunday School
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THIS WEEK

Mon.	Sep.	21	7 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed.	Sep.	23	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Parents Morning Out
			9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible study
			3:30 p.m.	Residence Bible Study
			7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thu.	Sep.	24	6-8 p.m.	Loads of Love/Swell Wash Manahawkin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Sep.	27	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services
			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
Sat.	Oct.	3	8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Men's Group Retreat
Sun.	Oct.	11	10:00 a.m.	Laity Sunday – One Service with Group picture
Tue.	Oct.	13	1 p.m.	United Women in Faith meeting

MEN'S GROUP RETREAT: is on October 3, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harvey Cedars Conference Center on Long Beach Island. The focus of the meeting is "Men's Heart". There is a \$10.00 fee for the meeting. There will also be a lunch to follow (cost of which is not included). All men are welcome! Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex if attending.

LAITY SUNDAY: will be October 11, 2026. There will be **ONLY ONE SERVICE** that day at 10:00 a.m. We ask you to remain after the service so we can take this year's group picture!

UNITED WOMEN in FAITH: will be meeting Tuesday, October 13 at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for September 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 in the Middle East.
For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

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

Laraine Harris, Jeff Lawton, Susan, Mary-Kay Karachum and family, Relda Lockwood, Butch Cook, Deb Houghton, Shirley Elliot, Brett Ash, the DeVito family, John and Susan Hauge, the Soper family, Bob Schenck, Dorothy Hadden, George Bosco, Lovisa Hill, the Parker family, Greg Wagner, Joshua, Barbara Merriam, Jennifer Buck, Jennifer, Tina, Gina, Jackie Puntasecca, Ron Mathis, Arleen Logan, DiAnn, Kristen Thatcher, the Augustyniak family, the Howland family, Burton, Kristin and Greg Nuckles, Laura Macellari, Lora Villinger, Diane Gerlach, Lee Slater, Anthony Vitelli III, Joy Houghton, Jeanne Swenson, Violeta Lucariello, Ken Schorr Sr., Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Ann Scaturo, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Phyllis Bromiley, Carlos Lopez, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, September 13, 2026
TBA

Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
 Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

Maker, in Whom We Live

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1. Mak-er, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the
 2. In - car-nate De - i - ty, let all the ran-somed race ren -
 3. Spir - it of Ho - li - ness, let all thy saints a - dore thy
 4. E - ter-nal, Tri-une God, let all the hosts a - bove, let

glo - ry, power, and praise re - ceive for thy cre - at - ing love.
 der in thanks their lives to thee for thy re-deem-ing grace.
 sa - cred en - er - gy, and bless thine heart-re - new-ing power.
 all on earth be - low re - cord and dwell up - on thy love.

Let all the an - gel throng give thanks to God on high, while
 The grace to sin - ners showed ye heaven-ly choirs pro - claim, and
 Not an - gel tongues can tell thy love's ec - stat - ic height, the
 When heaven and earth are fled be - fore thy glo - rious face, sing

earth re - peats the joy - ful song and ech - oes to the sky.
 cry, "Sal - va - tion to our God, sal - va - tion to the Lamb!"
 glo - rious joy un - speak - a - ble, the be - a - tif - ic sight.
 all the saints thy love hath made thine ev - er - last - ing praise.