

Matawan United Methodist Church

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Liturgist: Brad Watson

May 4, 2025

The Third Sunday in Easter

Songs of Praise:

“Holy and Anointed One” - “In Your Presence”

“Let Your Glory Fall”

10:00 Welcome

* **Call to Worship** (Projected)

* **Opening Hymn:** “Hymn of Promise” 707

* **Opening Prayer** - (Also Projected)

Great fisher of souls, deep in the hearts of all of us,
way down in the darkness where no one else can see,
there is that dreaded place we shudder to mention, the
place of infinite pain. We strive to live our lives
without admitting it's even there. We admit it to no
one else. But you are no stranger to places of darkness.
You yourself have plunged into the infinite darkness of
death and come back, as the rising sun returns at the
break of day. And so, at the weary end of every night

of fruitless striving, you await us, stoking the charcoal
fire and offering that blessed invitation, “Come and
have breakfast.” Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.
And we will feed your sheep. Amen

Prayer of Confession

Sharing the Peace - “The Family of God”

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 30

Praise Team: “Glory to The Lamb”

Children’s Message: “The New Peter”

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Sermon: “Love Beyond Fear”

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer - The Offering

Praise Team: “As We Gather at Your Table”

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Sending Forth:

* **Closing Hymn:** “The Summons” 2130

* **The Blessing - Response:** “Shalom to You” 666

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

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Tues. 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Thur. 10 am-11:30