

Matawan United Methodist Church

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Liturgist: Carie Thoroughman

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The Second of Thirteen Sundays in Kingdomtide

Songs of Praise:

“10000 Reason” - “Draw Me Close”

“In the Arms of My Father”

10:00 Welcome

***Call to Worship** (Projected)

***Opening Hymn:** “Change My Heart, O God”

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

Source of life and blessing,

of garden, orchard, field,

root us in obedience to you

and nourish us by your ever-flowing Spirit,

that, perceiving only the good we might do,

our lives may be fruitful,

our labor productive,

and our service useful,

in communion with Jesus, our brother. Amen.

Prayers from the Lectionary

Prayer of Confession

Sharing the Peace - “The Family of God”

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scriptures: Deuteronomy 24:14-22

Praise Team: “Make Me a Servant”

Children’s Message: “Counting the Cost”

Glory Be to the Father

Gospel: Luke 14:25–33

Sermon: “Compassion and Solidarity”

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer - The Offering

Praise Team: “Amazing love (You Are My King)”

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Sending Forth:

***Closing Hymn:** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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

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