

Matawan United Methodist Church

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The Third of Thirteen Sundays in Kingdomtide

Songs of Praise:

“What Can I Do” - “Mighty to Save”

“Come Now Is the Time to Worship”

10:00 Welcome

***Call to Worship**

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Opening Hymn:**

“The Church’s One Foundation” #545 vv. 1, 2, 5

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

Persistently forgiving God,
we are a stiff-necked and stubborn people
who try your patience;
yet, instead of giving us up for lost,
you seek us out until we return to you.
Break our willfulness
and bring us back from our wanderings;

bend our pride and create in us pure and faithful
hearts, which rejoice in your forgiveness
made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers from the Lectionary

Prayer of Confession

Sharing the Peace - “The Family of God”

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scriptures: Psalm 139:1-18

Praise Team: “More Like You”

Children’s Message: “The Lost Sheep”

Glory Be to the Father

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: “The Source of Joy”

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer - The Offering

Praise Team: “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth:

***Closing Hymn:* “Wonderful Words of Life” #600**

The Blessing - Response: “Trees of the Field”

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