

Matawan United Methodist Church

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Liturgist: Coleen Murphy

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The Fifth of Thirteen Sundays in Kingdomtide

Songs of Praise:

“Let Your Glory Fall”

“Refiners Fire” - “Rising”

10:00 Welcome

*** Call to Worship** (Projected)

***Opening Hymn:** “On Eagles Wings” #143

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

Holy God,

you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us

so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone.

Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power

so that we may, in turn, release others

from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression.

Amen.

Prayers from the Lectionary

Prayer of Confession Hymnal p. 12

Sharing the Peace - “The Family of God”

Proclamation and Response

The New Testament: Ephesians 1:15-23

Praise Team: “Give Thanks”

Children’s Message: “The Rich Man and Lazarus”

Glory Be to the Father

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: “Floodgates of Compassion”

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer - The Offering

Praise Team: “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth:

Closing Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth” #431

The Blessing - Response:

“Shalom” #667

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