



*The People of God in Worship
October 1, 2017
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mr. Parks Snead

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.
People: **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**
Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.
People: **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love.**
Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth; according to your steadfast love remember me, O LORD!
People: **Good and upright is the LORD. The LORD leads the humble in what is right.**

-Based on Psalm 25:1-9

***INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

Mr. Parks Snead

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Mr. Parks Snead

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 21:23-32

Mr. Parks Snead

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

The Community

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE MORNING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mrs. Amy Ray

***THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 578**

Trusting Jesus

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Parks Snead

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

David A. White

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE THIRD READING

Philippians 2:1-13

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Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE

Imitating Christ

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The Community

All are invited to share the bread and the cup, waiting for all to be served.

The Bread: This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

The Cup: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

***HYMN No. 568 (vs. 1-4)**

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able will please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of the sermon outline and prayer list are in the narthex.

Offertory Emphasis

This month a portion of your mission gift is being sent to support The Gateway, which is a residential substance abuse recovery program, providing a safe, supportive, and accountable environment that allows men who are homeless or addicted the opportunity to rebuild their lives. The program provides in-house substance abuse counseling and a wide array of supportive services, including assistance with writing a resume and applying for work, employment counseling, life skills training, anger management, and relapse prevention. The Gateway provides housing for 23 men. This is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

We express our concern for others in practical ways such as our partnership with The Gateway. We uphold staff members and others who identify needs for personal growth and health and who help establish a solid recovery system for each individual. Amen.