



*The People of God in Worship
April 22, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

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**

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd.

People: I have everything that I need.

Leader: The Lord gives me a place to lie down safely, in green pastures;

People: The Lord leads me beside calm waters and my soul is restored.

Leader: The Lord leads me towards justice, and love in God's name.

People: Even when I am walking underneath death's shadow, I am not afraid because you are with me; you stand in front of me, protecting me.

Leader: You set a table for me, right in front of my enemies; you care for me lovingly; I am overwhelmed with your love.

People: Surely, all that is good will continue to be with me my whole life.

All: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: And also with you!

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Dr. Jackie Asbury and 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 FIRST READING

Psalm 23

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

We Will Glorify

Twila Paris

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*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 OFFERTORY HYMN No. 526**

The Solid Rock

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Grounded

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

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.

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Hallelujah!

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***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 last week's sermon and the prayer list are in the narthex.

*The beautiful flowers in the worship room today
are given by Bundy and Clif Potter
in loving memory of Bundy's father, H.C. Turner, on his birthday,
and Clif's step-grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Gregory Dameron.*

Offertory Emphasis

How do we share the love of Christ with those who have not yet heard about or experienced that love? How do we express our own love and compassion for those in need? Global Missions is how the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship ministers "in a world without borders." Global Missions means working together to minister to people by focusing on meeting their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. This is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

We join with others throughout the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in working to see people empowered, families and communities transformed, and the love of Christ shared through Global Missions. Amen.