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*The People of God in Worship  
May 20, 2018  
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

*Pentecost Sunday*

**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, place it in the collection plate, or give to the Pastor. 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 organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ms. Caroline Russell

Leader: How wonderful are all the works of your hand, O Lord!

**People: Breathe on us, breath of God.**

Leader: You feed all the world's creatures, with an open hand.

**People: Breathe on us, breath of God.**

Leader: Your open hand is filled with good things.

**People: Your name is a blessing, and your spirit fills us, each one.**

Leader: Wind, breath, spirit; may we feel you cover us like mountain fog;

**All: Breathe on us, breath of God.**

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 52**

*Blessed Be The Name*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Janna Russell and The Community

**\*RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

Drs. Clif and Bundy Potter

**THE FIRST READING**

Psalm 104:24-34

Ms. Emma Kate Russell

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Acts 2:1-21

Ms. Emma Kate Russell

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE ANTHEM**

*Crown Him Lord of All*

Marty Parks

Christi Salisbury, violin

**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. 793**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Christi Salisbury, violin

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer  
Offertory

Mr. Hunter Russell

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*Wondrous Strange*

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 CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Help Us, Lord*

Ruth Elaine Schram

**\*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 outline and the prayer list are in the narthex.

*The beautiful flowers in the worship room today  
are given by Farshid and Pat Shahrokhi*

Offertory Emphasis

The Bibles and books today were given through our Worship Team Budget. This budget provides for any enhancements to worship, such as flowers or decorations; it pays for pulpit supply (when necessary) and for upkeep on our organ, our piano, and for our soloists, particularly during the summer. We are grateful to be able to support the beautiful elements that facilitate our worship through our gifts today.