



*The People of God in Worship  
May 6, 2018  
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

*Sixth 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**

Judge John Cook

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**People: Let the sea resound!**  
Leader: For the Lord has done wonderful things!  
**People: Let the rivers clap their hands!**  
Leader: The Lord has made salvation known.  
**People: Let the mountains sing together for joy!**  
Leader: Make music, with harp and singing!  
**People: Let them all sing before the Lord.**  
Leader: For the Lord comes with justice and equality;  
**All: Shout for joy before the Lord!**

From Psalm 98

**\*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. 63**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Judge John Cook 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 98

Judge John Cook

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

1 John 5:1-6

Judge John Cook

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE ANTHEM**

*A Canon of Praise*

W.A. Mozart/arr. Alice Carpenter

**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. 401**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Judge John Cook

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*Winning Seasons*

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

**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. 90**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**\*CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Help Us, Lord*

Ruth Elain 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 and the prayer list are in the narthex.

### Offertory Emphasis

This is a light bulb. There are hundreds here in this building, and some of our weekly offerings go to pay for these light bulbs and for the electricity that makes them work. We are grateful to have this beautiful facility, and grateful for the light provided by these gifts that enables us to do good work here. God said, at the beginning of creation, that light is good! We celebrate with gratitude the ways that our gifts keep the lights on!

Please join me in Prayer:

Lord, we are grateful for this building and for the ways we are able to use it. We thank you for the chance to work together to support this building, so that we have light and heat and comfort when we gather together. Thank you for the ability to be part of your work in the world, and we pray that you would bless our gifts and offerings as we give them to you today. Amen.