



*The People of God in Worship
June 10, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

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**

Sarah Raessler

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
People: I give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
Leader: When I called,
People: You answered me;
Leader: When I needed you,
People: You strengthened me;
Leader: When I walk in the midst of trouble,
People: You deliver me;
All: Your steadfast love endures forever.

from Psalm 138

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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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**

Sarah Raessler 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

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Deborah Raessler

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Mark 3:20-35

Deborah Raessler

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

My God Is A Rock

Jay Althouse

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*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. 429**

They'll Know We Are Christians

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Deborah Raessler

Offertory *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

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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. 690**

He Leadeth Me

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

The beautiful flowers in the worship room today are given in celebration of Dorothy (Bundy) and Clifton Potter's wedding anniversary.

Offertory Emphasis

The Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond will, this fall, offer an enhanced professional graduate program leading to a Master's in Christian Ministry. This degree will provide practical ministry training for students interested in associate congregational ministry, collegiate ministry, non-profit leadership, and religious and civic leadership. Next month BTSR will welcome Dr. Linda McKinnish Bridges, as she begins her leadership as president of the school. Your mission gift supports the seminary through our affiliations with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Please join me in prayer.

We commit our resources to education at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, as it equips the coming generation of leaders for service. We dedicate ourselves to providing authentic education for religious professionals, particularly in congregational leadership, religious freedom, and justice and peacebuilding. Amen.