



The People of God in Worship
June 24, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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: I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart;
People: I will tell of all Your wonders.
Leader: I will be glad and rejoice in You;
People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High
Leader: The Lord reigns forever; God has established His throne for judgment.
Men: God will judge the world in righteousness; God will govern the peoples with justice.
Women: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
All: Those who know Your name will trust in You; for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.
Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what God has done. Sing praise to the Lord.
All: We sing praise to the Lord.

***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. 33**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***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

Job 38:1-11

Dr. Jackie Asbury

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Mark 4:35-41

Dr. Jackie Asbury

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

You'll Never Walk Alone
(Perry Payne Millner, Soloist)

Rodgers & Hammerstein

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. 638**

I Need Thee Every Hour

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Offertory

No One is Alone
(Perry Payne Millner, Soloist)

Stephen Sondheim

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

After the Storm

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.

***HYMN No. 11**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***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 Denise Hunt, in loving memory of her sister, Dale Regan, on her 70th birthday, June 15th, and in loving memory of her husband, Russell Hunt, on his 75th birthday, June 29th.

Offertory Emphasis

The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty is the only faith-based agency devoted solely to religious liberty and the separation of church and state. Its mission is to defend and extend God-given religious liberty for all, furthering the Baptist heritage that champions the principle that religion must be freely exercised, neither advanced nor inhibited by government. A proven bridge-builder, it works with a wide range of religious and non-religious groups in education and advocacy efforts. The Joint Committee is supported by the American Baptist Churches in the USA, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Alliance of Baptists, and the Baptist General Association of Virginia – all of which receive a portion of your mission gift.

Please join me in prayer.

We express our thankfulness for the freedoms we enjoy in this land, mindful that Baptists were a persecuted religious minority among the early settlers of this country. We dedicate ourselves to preserving these freedoms for all citizens and to supporting the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, defending religious liberty in our age of increasing pluralism. Amen.