



*The People of God in Worship
June 3, 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**

Ms. Esther Kinuthia

Leader: Lord God, who said "Let light shine out of darkness," you give us light in our lives;
People: But we have this treasure in jars of clay.
Leader: We are challenged in every way;
People: But not crushed;
Leader: Perplexed,
People: But not drive to despair;
Leader: Persecuted,
People: But not forsaken;
Leader: Struck down,
People: But not destroyed,
Leader: So we do not lose heart.
All: Though our outer self may be consumed, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!
Reply: And also with you!

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Ms. Esther Kinuthia 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 4:5-12

Ms. Esther Kinuthia

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

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

Mark 2:23-3:6

Ms. Esther Kinuthia

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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. 460**

Let Us Break Bread Together

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Ms. Esther Kinuthia

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Dan Forrest

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

The Wrong Trousers

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. 648**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

***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.

Offertory Emphasis

The bread we eat today is made with love by the hands of one of our people. The communion table was arranged by the hands of a few of our people and is offered to us by those who step forward to serve. Our monetary gifts make possible the building, the power, the implements of worship. Our gifts of ourselves, our service, our talents, and our care are also a part of our tithe to God. We come offering ourselves, our whole selves, for the work of God to bring light to the world.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, who brings light to our lives, we thank you for the chances you give us to live in that light and for the ways we are able to share that light with the world. Thank you for the chance to step forward, to be part of the body of this church. Thank you for strength, for guidance, for hope, and for humility as we go forward as your church. In Jesus' name, Amen.