



The People of God in Worship
July 1, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Sixth 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!
Reply: **And also with 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: O Lord, hear my voice!
People: **Let your ears listen to my pleas for mercy!**
Leader: If you keep track of our failings,
People: **Which of us could stand?**
Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.
People: **With you there is steadfast love.**
Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;
All: **My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

from Psalm 130

***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 8:7-15

Deborah Raessler

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

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

Mark 5:21-43

Deborah Raessler

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. 508**

Love Lifted Me

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Deborah Raessler

Offertory

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

arr. Mark Hayes

(Words: Francis of Assisi) (Music: Sebastian Temple)

(Mr. Gary Christie, Soloist)

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Touch

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. 415**

We Are Called to Be God's People

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***THE RESPONSE**

Words and Music

Jay Althouse

***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.

Offertory Emphasis

Can you hear me? If you can, it is because we have a sound system which permits my voice to carry in this large room. It allows us to record and broadcast our worship, so that what we have shared with each other here today, we can also share with the larger community. Sound and light and video equipment are all expensive, and we support their purchase, upkeep, and use with our church offerings. Today we give in gratitude for these tools, and for the people who care for them and manage them, as they enable us to communicate in ways we could not do otherwise.

Please join me in Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the chance to celebrate in this beautiful room together, and for the tools which enable us to do so. We're grateful for the ability to be part of the work of sharing your good word, and for the ways worshiping together here in this space holds us up and gives us strength. Thank you for this chance to give. In Jesus' name, Amen.