



The People of God in Worship

July 15, 2018

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

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. Kears

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine

words and music by Graham Kendrick, arranged by Mark Hayes
(Mr. Gary Christie, Soloist)

***A RESPONSIVE READING**

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

from Psalm 24

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 207**

We Have Come to Join in Worship

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Georgeann Snead 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 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

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. 370**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Offertory

Come Follow Me

Sally K. Albrecht/Jay Althouse

(Mr. Gary Christie, Soloist)

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Clear As Mud

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 (not printed)**

We Are Walking in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

***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 Nancy Sale, in honor of her daughter, Katie, who celebrates a birthday this week.

Peakland Baptist Church would like to express our deepest sympathy to Sam and Liz Redd, in the loss of their daughter, Allison Redd, on June 13, 2018.

Offertory Emphasis

Debra Tucker comes in to our building every day of the week. During these summer months, she comes early. She cares for our facility - keeping it bright, clean, and healthy with the work she does every day. She brings a positive spirit to her work, and treats everyone who enters the building respectfully. We are grateful to have Debra as one of the caregivers of our building. As we offer our gifts today, let us do so in gratitude for Debra and for the many volunteers who make it possible for us to gather in a clean, healthy, well-kept building.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we're grateful for all the hands that care for this building. We thank you that we have this place in which to gather and that we are able to offer employment to those who help us tend to its care. Help us to be expansive in our giving, knowing that part of what we give goes for the employment of good people whose labor keeps our building clean. Amen.