



The People of God in Worship
August 12, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning
Twelfth 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

Mr. Monty Kearse

Leader: We thank you, Lord, that you love us like a mother;
People: Our hope is in the Lord;
Leader: When we are beaten down by the storms of life,
People: You are there to lift us up;
Leader: When we cannot lift our eyes,
People: You walk beside us;
Leader: I have calmed and quieted my soul,
People: Like a weaned child with its mother;
All: Our hope is in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

from Psalm 130

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 788**

Now Thank We All Our God

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Monty Kearse 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.*

MISSIONS MOMENT

Mission Model #2

Mrs. Fran Christie

Giving for the Direct Mission of the Church

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 130

Mr. Monty Kearse

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Mr. Monty Kearse

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Bradbury

(Amy Ray and Bonnie Benedict, Duet)

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. 539**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Monty Kearse

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Camelot in Ruins

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. 527**

I Know Whom I Have Believed

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

***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 in loving memory of
Dorothy Bundy Turner (1906 - 2006),
given by her daughter, Dorothy "Bundy" and her son-in-law, Clifton Potter.*

Offertory Emphasis

Our church building is in a beautiful setting. Surrounding us, we have trees, animals and hills. Inside, we have the beautiful wood and stone, the thoughtful architecture, connecting us with the theme of the tabernacle, and a theology of carrying God with us wherever we go. We have comfortable seating and beautiful flowers, as well as the beauty of each face who is with us. Today, we give thanks to God for all the beautiful things we are given in connection with our building and our space. We give today in gratitude for Beauty.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we thank you that you offer us so much beauty in our lives. We thank you that our worship together can be beautiful in so many ways and that we can be part of creating that beauty. Thank you for all of those who are here, and for the beauty of their lives. Thank you for the many ways each of us makes possible this beautiful setting. Amen.