



The People of God in Worship

August 26, 2018

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourteenth 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 - from Proverbs 24

Mrs. Nancy Sale

Leader: Lord, your wisdom is like honey, sweet to the taste;

People: Help us to build our house in wisdom;

Leader: Knowledge fills the rooms with precious and pleasant riches;

People: Help us to desire a house filled with those riches;

Leader: Curb our envy of those who gain riches with violence or cruelty;

People: Give us strength in adversity, and courage to help others;

Leader: For your wisdom is sweet to our souls,

People: And the foundation of our homes;

All: If we find it, our hope will not be cut off.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 355**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Nancy Sale 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 #4

Mrs. Fran Christie

Giving to Many; Focused on One

THE MORNING READING

Galatians 4:1-12

Mrs. Nancy Sale

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth
(Christi Salisbury, Violinist)

arr. Duane Ream

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. 572**

Blessed Assurance

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus
(Christi Salisbury, Violinist)

Mrs. Nancy Sale

arr. Duane Ream

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

***Rebels: Freedom from the
Tyranny of Government***

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.

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***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 are in loving memory of
William (Bill) M. Phillips, who would have celebrated his 85th birthday on August 25th.
The flowers are given by Gwen and Peter Vieth
and Margaret and Bill Phillips.*

Offertory Emphasis

The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty is an education and advocacy organization that has spoken out consistently against anti-Muslim bigotry, rhetoric, and policy proposals. With prominent political figures fomenting unjust fear and scrutiny of Muslim refugees and immigrants, the Joint Committee is supporting legislation that would prohibit the government from discriminating on the basis of religion in determining who is allowed to enter the country. The bill, proposed by Virginia Congressman Don Beyer, is seen as an important step toward ensuring that our nation will remain open to people of all faiths and beliefs, securing the religious freedom of all. You help advance the work of the Baptist Joint Committee, which is supported by the American Baptist Churches in the USA, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and the Baptist General Association of Virginia – all of which receive a portion of your mission gift.

Please join me in prayer.

We share in the efforts of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty to defend both the First Amendment and our nation's great history as an open and welcoming land. Amen.