



*The People of God in Worship
August 5, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

Eleventh 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**

Mrs. Vicki Mays

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God;
People: Lord, have mercy;
Leader: Renew a right spirit within me;
People: Christ, have mercy;
Leader: Do not send me from your presence;
People: Take not your Holy Spirit from me;
Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation;
All: Uphold me with a willing spirit.

from Psalm 51

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 686**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Vicki Mays 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 #1

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Giving Broadly to Not-for-Profit Organizations

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 51:1-12

The Rev. Dwight Mays

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13

The Rev. Dwight Mays

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. 650**

O, for a Heart to Praise My God

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

The Rev. Dwight Mays

Offertory

Allegro from Divertimento No. 1

Mozart

(Mrs. Georgeann Snead, Flutist)

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

The Cure for Blindness

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.

*CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*THE BENEDICTION

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*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.

*Sam and Elizabeth Redd would like to thank everyone
for their cards, thoughts, prayers, and support
after the passing of their daughter, Allison Redd.*

*Special thanks to Barbara Betenbaugh for being here at Peakland
for the next two weeks as our organist while Allan is away on vacation.*

Offertory Emphasis

Jesus had compassion on the crowds he saw, who were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Our partnership with the Alliance of Baptists provides ministry to working, homeless men recovering from substance dependency at Emmaus House in Raleigh, North Carolina. We help shepherd children and their families breaking the cycle of violence and abuse at Safe Places in Little Rock, Arkansas. We help at-risk children in inner-city Oakland, California, as the Samaritan Neighborhood Center works to meet their emotional, physical, educational, and social needs. This is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

We seek to follow the teachings and example of the Good Shepherd by ministering to those helpless or discouraged ones in need of pastoral care. We are grateful to be able to extend our care through partnership within the Alliance of Baptists. Amen.