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*The People of God in Worship  
September 2, 2018  
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning  
Fifteenth 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 Ecclesiastes 9**

Mr. Harry Hammitt

Leader: Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart!

**People: For God has already approved what we do.**

Leader: Let your garments be white, let your head be anointed with oil;

**People: Let us enjoy our husbands and wives, whom we love;**

Leader: Enjoy your work, and the days of your life,

**People: Whatever our hands find to do, we will do it with all our might;**

Leader: For the race does not go to the strong, nor riches to the intelligent, but time and chance happen to all;

**People: Wisdom is better than might and stronger than weapons of war;**

**All: Let us open our minds to Wisdom and let it lead us into joy.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 413**

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Harry Hammitt 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 #5  
*Team Approach*

Mrs. Fran Christie

**THE FIRST READING**

Galatians 2:15-21

Mr. Harry Hammitt

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Galatians 5:1-25

Mr. Harry Hammitt

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. 460**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer  
Offertory

Mr. Harry Hammitt  
Mark Andrews

*Lauda Anima  
(Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven)*

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*Heirs: Freedom from the  
Tyranny of Self*

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.

**BLESSING OF THE HANDS**

The Rev. Dr. Martha Kearse, Mary Lee Bell,  
Dwight Mays, and Parks Snead

## 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. 349

*O How He Loves You and Me*

### \*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.

*A special thank you to Jeff Curcio for the wonderful job he did  
on our display case in the Narthex, featuring the five models for missions.  
Jeff is very talented, and we appreciate him so much.*

#### Offertory Emphasis

Pastoral Counseling Services of Central Virginia provides dependable professional help for people facing the distresses and difficulties of everyday life. Your mission gift extends the healing ministry of the church to individuals, couples, and families experiencing unrelieved stress, communication difficulties, or unresolved conflict - and who could benefit by consulting a trained counselor. The service is open to all without regard to religious affiliation and is supported by contributions from a number of congregations, including Peakland.

Please join me in prayer.

*We uphold the ministry of Pastoral Counseling Services of Central Virginia, as its staff provides a professional resource for area clergy in need of consultation with a specialist, as well as a place of referral for personal counseling. Amen.*