



The People of God in Worship
September 30, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning
Nineteenth 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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mrs. Fran Christie

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!
Reply: **And also with you!**

THREE 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 Psalm 125)

The Rev. Dwight Mays

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion;
People: **We shall not be moved.**
Leader: The Lord surrounds the people as the mountains around Jerusalem;
People: **We shall overcome.**
Leader: For evil shall not stay in the land given to the righteous;
People: **We shall stand like the mountains,**
Leader: Protecting the rights of every individual
People: **And guarding the liberty of every human soul,**
All: **With God, our Strength and Our Peace.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 169**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

The Rev. Dwight 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.*

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 3:8-18

The Rev. Dwight Mays

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

John 18:28-38

The Rev. Dwight Mays

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

Who At My Door is Standing

arr. K. Lee Scott

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearsse

*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. 93**

God, our Father, We Adore Thee

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

The Rev. Dwight Mays

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Four Men, Unbound

The Rev. Dr. Martha K. Kearsse

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. 799**

America, the Beautiful

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

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*THE BENEDICTION

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*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ, Now Go Before Us

*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.

Offertory Emphasis

The Baptist Joint Committee, an organization supported by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Alliance of Baptists and the American Baptists, is currently at work on several issues of religious liberty on our behalf, most especially, at this time, protecting the Johnson Amendment, “a law which protects houses of worship and non-profits from political pressure and additional dangers that come with endorsing and opposing candidates” (from the BJC website). We support the BJC in its work to ensure that religious liberty for all Americans continues to be protected.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we thank you for those who are called to work daily to protect the liberty which allows us to worship here freely today; the liberty which allows every person in this country to pursue the faith of their own conscience. Thank you that we can worship you according to our own beliefs, and in accordance with our own faith. Amen.