



The People of God in Worship
October 14, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Twenty-First 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

Beauty
by John O'Donohue

Mr. Ed Lovern

THE INVOCATION AND *GLORIA PATRI

The Hon. John Cook 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.*

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 8**

Come, Thou Almighty King

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 127:1-2

The Hon. John Cook

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Genesis 15:1-18

The Hon. John Cook

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

We Will Glorify

Twila Paris

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY,
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. 143 (Remain seated)

This Is My Father's World

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

The Hon. John Cook

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

The Economy of God

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. 664**

Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

A Benediction of Peace

Heather Sorenson

***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

During the month of October, we are partnering with Food for Thought, the Parkview Pantry and E.C. Glass High School to help make sure young people who need food over the weekend have food at home. We are grateful to all those who have put long hours in to creating a new system for the city schools out of their care for hungry children in our city. We are grateful to be allowed to be part of this new program, and celebrate our chance to share love through this program.

Please join me in Prayer:

Lord, we are grateful for those who saw hungry children in our city and decided to step forward to help them. We thank you that we can be part of making sure these children have something to eat—we thank you for the time to volunteer, the strong bodies that permit us to lift and carry bags, or the money and other donations which we can give to make sure this program is funded. Thank you that you are with us in building a strong city. Amen.