



*The People of God in Worship  
October 28, 2018  
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

*Twenty Third 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 PRELUDE**

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 91) (remain seated)

Mr. Parks Snead

Leader: I will say to the Lord,  
**People: God, you are my refuge. I trust in you and I am safe!**  
Leader: For he rescues you from hidden traps, shields you from deadly hazards.  
**People: God's huge, outstretched arms protect us—under them we are safe.**  
Leader: Fear nothing,  
**People: Neither wolves by night or arrows in the day,**  
Leader: For God is our refuge,  
**All: We trust in you and we are safe!**

**\*THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Parks Snead 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**

Genesis 19:1-11

Mr. Parks Snead

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Matthew 18:15-17

Mr. Parks Snead

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE ANTHEM**

*As the Deer*

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**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. 401 (remain seated)**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Parks Snead

Offertory

*Sonatina in C*

Carl Maria Von Weber

(Dan and Deborah Raessler, Pianist)

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*Let Me Stop You Right There*

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.

**\*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.

*The beautiful flowers in the worship room are given by Susan Epling  
in memory of her father, Raymond Wilson Epling, on his birthday (October 26th).  
He was a founding member of Peakland Baptist Church.*

*Peakland Baptist Church would like to express their deepest sympathy  
to Becky Howard and her family, in the loss of her husband, Dave Howard,  
on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Please keep Becky and the family in your prayers.*

Offertory Emphasis

Jesus pronounced a blessing when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." This month a portion of your mission gift will support the Lynchburg Food Bank in its belief that hunger is unacceptable and that everyone deserves access to enough food. As part of the larger Blue Ridge Food Bank -- with other distribution centers in Charlottesville, Winchester, and Verona -- you help provide nutritious food through a far-reaching network of more than 200 food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, churches, and other nonprofit groups.

Please join me in prayer.

*We join in the work of the Lynchburg Food Bank to provide food that sustains life and nourishes health. We answer the call to serve neighbors in need without judgment. Amen.*