



The People of God in Worship
October 7, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning
Twentieth 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 Psalm 24)**

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Leader: The earth is the Lord's; everything in it belongs to God.
People: **My home belongs to God.**
Leader: The world and those who live here all belong to God.
People: **My family belongs to God.**
Leader: If we seek the face of God, we receive God's blessing.
People: **All my possessions belong to God.**
Leader: Lift up your heads, O Gates, and be lifted up, O Ancient Doors!
People: **My life, my work, and all that I have belongs to God.**
Leader: The Lord of all, strong and mighty—the Lord God is King of Glory!
People: **The Lord God is King of Glory!**

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Georgeann 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.*

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 63**

All Creatures of Our God and King

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 24

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Luke 14:15-24

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

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. 606**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

Gilmore/Grassi

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

The Gracious Host

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.

***HYMN No. 586**

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

***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

This past week our volunteers served at the Rivermont Food Pantry, packing bags of groceries for people in need here in the city of Lynchburg. Congregations from all over the city and of many different faiths and different denominations work together to help make sure that people in Lynchburg do not go hungry. Through August of 2018, the pantry had serve 1271 families, made up of 2,128 adults and 1,495 children, for a total of 32,607 meals. Today we celebrate our ability to share what we have so that others can eat.

Please join me in Prayer.

Lord, help us understand food as hospitality, food as justice, and food as mercy. Help us to always desire to make sure that your people are fed with good, healthy foods. We thank you for the opportunity to share what we have, in Jesus' name, Amen.