



The People of God in Worship
November 18, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Twenty Sixth 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 PRELUDE

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Lamentations 3:22-23) (remain seated)

Mr. Monty Kearse

Leader: When the hardships of my life overwhelm me, I remember:
People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
Leader: When I feel like I have enemies all around me, I remember:
People: The mercies of the Lord never come to an end; God's faithfulness is great.
Leader: When my body fails me, and my spirit grows weak, I remember:
People: The Lord is my portion, therefore I will hope in God.
Leader: We give thanks for the faithful mercies of God!
All: Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 797**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Monty Kearse 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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Mr. Monty Kearse

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Mr. Monty Kearse

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

Praise the Lord

G.F. Handel/arr. Hal Hopson

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. 139 (remain seated)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Monty Kearse

Offertory

Simple Gifts

Aaron Copland

Debbie Burton, Soloist

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Thanks for the Fleas

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. 794**

Let All Things Now Living

(During this hymn, you are invited to come forward to lay your "Thankful For" card on the altar.)

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Help Us, Lord

Ruth Elaine Schram

***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 today
are given by Susan Epling in honor of her
brother John, who is celebrating his 80th birthday on November 19th, and
in memory of her brother Ken, whose birthday is November 22nd.
John and Ken are Charter Members of Peakland.*

Offertory Emphasis

Today we will hand deliver our Thanksgiving baskets, which we have decorated and filled with an abundance of good foods for families connected with through the Interfaith Outreach Association. Interfaith Outreach serves as the intersection of people in need in this city, and the organizations which can offer them assistance. With 83 different congregations from around this area, Interfaith Outreach is also a meeting place for the religious community, offering us ways to work together for the good of the entire community. We give our financial support, as well as our volunteer support, to Interfaith Outreach, believing, as they do, that every human life is sacred and deserving of care.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to work in partnership with Interfaith Outreach Association, and with the many different congregations which make it up. We thank you that we can cooperate with each other to do your work in the world, and we thank you for the chance to make friendships as we do so. We ask your blessing on those who deliver food today, and on those who will receive it. May each be richly blessed. Amen.