



*The People of God in Worship
November 25, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

Twenty Seventh 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 Psalm 127) (remain seated)

Dr. Dorothy Bundy Potter

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,
People: Those who build it labor in vain.
Leader: Unless the Lord watches over a city,
People: The watchman stays awake in vain.
Leader: And so we do not worry,
People: We do not eat the bread of anxious toil.
Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?
All: For the Lord gives rest to the people of God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 210**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Dr. Dorothy Bundy Potter 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 5:1-11; 25-32

Dr. Clifton Potter

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

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-21; 31-39

Dr. Clifton Potter

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

People: Thanks be to God!

THE ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

David Ashley White

**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. 790 (remain seated)

We Gather Together

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Dr. Clifton Potter

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

A Glorious Mess

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. 424**

The Servant Song

***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 flowers today are given by Martha Kearse in honor of
Tim and Barbara Dixon, in gratitude for their marriage,
and in memory of Deanna Frances Dixon, her sister.*

Offertory Emphasis

During this past year, we have given more than \$11,000 to missions and denominational relationships. For these last weeks of the year, we celebrate all of those associations. This week, we celebrate the ways we were able to help people have good food through Meals on Wheels, the Society of St. Andrew, Daily Bread Ministry, the Lynchburg Food Bank, the Rivermont Food Pantry, Gleaning for the World, and Feed the Children. As part of a table fellowship and table faith, we are grateful for the ways we can be part of the sharing of food in the world.

Please join me in Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for the good food in our lives. Thank you for opening our eyes to the needs of others, and for giving us pathways through which we can help those who might be hungry have good food. Thank you for the joy of sharing, and for the chance to work together with others. Amen.