



The People of God in Worship
January 20, 2019
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Season of Epiphany

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 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 Isaiah 43) (remain seated)

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Leader: The Lord says, "In time of favor I have answered you; in day of salvation
I have helped you;

People: We turn to you, O, Lord.

Leader: I will keep you and say to prisoners, 'Come out!' To those in darkness, 'Appear!'"

People: We open our eyes to you, O, Lord.

Leader: We shall not hunger or thirst, and springs of water will guide us.

People: For God makes all our mountains into roads, our highways raised up.

Leader: Sing for joy, O Heavens, and exult, O earth!

People: Break forth, O mountains, into singing.

All: For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on those who suffer.

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearsé & 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 READING

Matthew 5:17-37

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Peakland Choir

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY,
THE MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*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. 240 (remain seated)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

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Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Risky Business

The Rev. Kheresa Harmon

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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearsé

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

***HYMN No. 406**

Wonderful Words of Life

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Peakland Choir

***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 on the altar are to celebrate the life
of Georgia Fauber's brother, Ron Willis, who passed away
one year ago - January 14, 2018. He is deeply missed.*

Offertory Emphasis

It is common today to hear the claim that we are engaged in "a clash of cultures." The first step in addressing conflict is for all parties to listen to each other. That is the goal of a new publication: to allow Christians, Muslims and Jews to listen to each other's scripture and tradition, particularly to hear what each has to say about seeking justice, pursuing peace, and working for reconciliation. *Peace Primer* is offered by the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, which gathers, equips, and mobilizes Baptists to build a culture of peace rooted in justice.

Please join me in prayer.

We support the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America in its ministry of conflict transformation. We offer our resources to aid those who will join us in seeking to build cultures of peace. Amen.