



*The People of God in Worship*  
*January 27, 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** (Matthew 5:3-11) (remain seated)

Mrs. Vicki Mays

**All: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**  
**Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**  
**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**  
**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**  
**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**  
**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.**  
**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
**Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

**\*THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Vicki Mays & 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

**THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Mrs. Vicki Mays

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Matthew 5:3-4

Mrs. Vicki Mays

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**

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. 633 (remain seated)**

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

**THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mrs. Vicki Mays

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*Reaching the Cookie*

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. 682**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**\*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.

#### Offertory Emphasis

American Baptists have responded to be Christ's witnesses for justice and wholeness within a broken society. Led by the Gospel mandates to promote positive change within society, American Baptists - historically advocates of civil rights, women in the church and societal leadership, ecological responsibility - have most recently established a Taskforce on Race and Race-based Violence. Your gifts join with those of fellow American Baptists in these ministries.

Please join me in prayer.

*While we are not all of one mind as to how to deal with challenges, as American Baptists we affirm the need to follow Christ's example by being actively involved in changing society. Amen.*