



*The People of God in Worship*  
*February 3, 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 60) (remain seated)

The Hon. Ed Burnette

**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.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 215**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**\*THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

The Hon. Ed Burnette 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 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 49:8-13

The Hon. Ed Burnette

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Matthew 5:5

The Hon. Ed Burnette

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**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. 461 (remain seated)**

*In Remembrance*

**THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Offertory Anthem

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Sing Alleluia*

The Hon. Ed Burnette

Johann S. Bach/Douglas E. Wagner

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*Bootless*

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. 597**

*Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Benedictus*

Craig Curry

**\*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

Access to food is an issue of justice. Access to healthcare is an issue of justice. Access to affordable housing is an issue of justice. Access to education is an issue of justice. Access to lawyers and fairness of law is an issue of justice. During the month of February, we grieve the injustices of our past, and confess our sins of injustice. We celebrate the organizations with which we partner who are at work in this community and in the wider world to offer up justice in all these ways. We give thanks to God for our ability to be part of the good work of offering justice.

Please join me in prayer:

*Lord, we confess that we have been part of unjust systems; that we, ourselves, have been unjust. Forgive us for these sins. We thank you for the ways we can be part of the work of justice around the world. Help us to keep our hearts open for chances to work for justice. Amen.*