



The People of God in Worship
February 10, 2019
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Season of Epiphany

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

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 PRELUDE

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 5:3-11) (remain seated)

Dr. Jackie Asbury

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. 21**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Dr. Jackie Asbury 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.*

***GREETING OF THE SAINTS (Philippians 4:21)**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Good Morning, Saint _____.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-8

Dr. Jackie Asbury

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 5:6 and 8

Dr. Jackie Asbury

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Blest Are They

David Haas

**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. 656 (remain seated)

Take Time to Be Holy

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Not Cool Jesus

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. 602**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***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.

The flowers on the altar are created and designed by Georgia Willis Fauber in loving memory of Georgia's big brother, Billy, who passed away in a tragic farm accident on February 12, 2018. He is sorely missed.

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.